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Search team recovers raft but Japanese sisters still missing

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A search and rescue team recovered yesterday the inflatable raft that was believed used by two missing Japanese tourists at Wing Beach on Saipan, but the sisters remained unfound.

Police said the U.S. Coast Guard spotted the raft 25 nautical miles north of Banzai Cliff at 8:33am. The Department of Public Safety recovered the deflated raft at 10:21am.

Police identified the missing sisters as Natsuki Yamada, 33, and Chinatsu Yamada, 26.

The victims' parents arrived from Japan yesterday afternoon and checked in at Mariana Resort and Spa, where their missing daughters also stayed.

The parents visited Wing Beach, which

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Parents of the missing Japanese sisters Natsuki Yamada and Chinatsu Yamada visit the Wing Beach yesterday, where the two tourists are believed to have used an inflatable raft.

Payne seeks CNMI engagement in 4 US military initiatives

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Rear Adm. Tilghman Payne seeks the CNMI's continued engagement and input on four major ongoing military initiatives in the region that he concedes could be sometimes confusing to people, mostly because of overlapping timelines—from a proposed expansion of existing military training areas to the proposed use of Pagan as well as developing a divert airfield on Saipan or Tinian.

Payne is the U.S. Naval Forces Marianas commander and Joint Region Marianas commander.

At the same time, Payne told the

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Major Ongoing Initiatives
Military Relocation
Purpose and need – To position U.S. military forces to meet international agreement and treaty requirements and to fulfill U.S. national security policy requirements to provide mutual defense, deter aggression, and dissuade coercion in the Western Pacific Region.
Record of Decision – Late 2015
Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT)
Purpose and need – To achieve and maintain military readiness ensuring that the U.S. military meets its training mission while also complying with environmental law
Record of Decision – Early/Mid 2015
CNMI Joint Military Training (CJMT)
Pacific Air Forces Divert Field
Purpose and need – To ensure a capable emergency divert field in the event that access to Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) or other western Pacific locations is limited or denied.
Record of Decision – Early 2015

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Rear Adm. Tilghman Payne addresses members and guests of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce about four major ongoing U.S. Department of Defense initiatives in the Marianas during the business group's general membership meeting yesterday at Kanoa Resort in Chalan Kanoa.

'Permanent foreign worker program, 16K CW cap pushed'

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Even with the CW program's extension up to 2019, coupled with hiring all unemployed U.S. citizens on the islands and hiring from other Micronesian islands and the U.S. mainland, the CNMI economy will still need some 5,000 additional workers by 2021, said the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, which is now seeking a permanent foreign worker program and an amendment to the immigration federalization law to raise—rather than lower—the

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Tinian mayor recognizes Good Samaritan

Tinian Mayor Ramon M. Dela Cruz awarded Dennis Reyes, 27, yesterday with a plaque of appreciation in recognition of Reyes' selfless and heroic efforts in coming to the aid of distressed tourists on Tinian.

The plaque reads: "In gratitude for bravely coming to the aid of distressed swimmers at Tinian's Long Beach on June 5, 2014, this award is presented to Dennis Reyes, a hospitality industry employee, in recognition of his selfless service in rescuing one tourist swimmer and searching for her missing companion, exemplifying the highest commitment our community has for the safety and welfare of all our visiting guests."

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Dennis Reyes, second from left, is presented with a plaque of appreciation by Tinian Mayor Ramon M. Dela Cruz, second from right, yesterday in recognition of Reyes' selfless and heroic efforts in coming to the aid of distressed tourists on Tinian.

"Because I was very impressed with Dennis Reyes' deeds on June 5, I felt compelled to publicly recognize him with a Good Samaritan Award from the Tinian Mayor's Office," said Dela Cruz. "This young man deserves our thanks and respect for rescuing a distressed swimmer and for searching for her travel companion after the two tourists were swept away by strong currents."

"Dennis acted quickly and decisively in calling for help, in pulling a swimmer out of the water, and in searching for her missing travel companion," added Dela Cruz.

"While working at a tour company, Dennis was at the place where the tourists needed assistance, and he acted to save lives," said Dela Cruz. "We are proud of his efforts."

Reyes is the son of William C. and Manuela S. Reyes. ***(PR)***

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Girlfriend says Guam man had hallucinations before rampage

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)— The girlfriend of a 22-year-old Guam man accused of killing three Japanese tourists in a resort area last year says he was hallucinating in the hours leading up to the rampage.

Reanne Acasio testified Tuesday in Chad DeSoto's murder trial that DeSoto was in a fragile state before running a car onto a sidewalk, ramming into a convenience store, then getting out and stabbing bystanders.

Another 11 people were hurt in the February 2013 attack. DeSoto has pleaded not guilty by reason of mental illness.

Acasio, a 19-year-old college student, said she spent eight hours chatting with DeSoto through Skype before the attack. She says he begged her to keep talking with him and complained about voices in his head.

"It wasn't a normal fear, so for eight whole hours I stayed with him," Acasio said. "He was crying. He was completely scared of something. ... He had a very hard time to keep focus."

Acasio said she was scared but tried to keep cool and keep him on the line. But the connection dropped and she found out about the attack the next morning, she said.

"I didn't think anything like that would happen," she said. "Usually he just gets better."

Three of DeSoto's relatives testified Monday that he fell into depression after his paternal grandfather died and his girlfriend moved to California to attend the University of California, San Diego.

Acasio said she talked with DeSoto almost daily after she left, but his behavior became unusual with delusions, hallucinations and paranoia. She said he believed he was constantly under surveillance, that he was going to hell and that his family was conspiring against him. It became hard for him to trust anyone, including her, she said.

"He went from someone who knew how to control his emotions and even give advice on some of these emotions to being someone...who was struggling himself with difficult situations," Acasio said.

Acasio, who was billed as DeSoto's ex-girlfriend, said she talks with him several times a week and are back to being a couple.

DeSoto's trial resumes Monday with expert witnesses giving opinions about DeSoto's mental state.

Crunch time to address lack of new prevailing wage survey

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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce has asked Gov. Eloy S. Inos to request the U.S. Labor and Homeland Security departments to continue to accept the 2011 CNMI prevailing wage surveys in support of work visa applications until the Chamber completes a new survey later this year and after the minimum wage had already increased by 50 cents to $6.05 an hour.

As of yesterday, there's no telling whether the two federal agencies will approve of any such request at a time when a number of H visa applications from the CNMI have already been rejected over a lack of a current prevailing wage survey.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be funding the new prevailing wage survey at a hefty cost of $21,000 after failing to secure grants from either the U.S. Department of the Interior or the CNMI Department of Commerce.

Chamber president Alex Sablan said in an interview that discussions with U.S. Labor revealed that even if a new prevailing wage survey is completed soon, the agency "will not consider it" after Sept. 30 because by then the minimum wage has already changed from $5.05 an hour to $6.05 an hour and employers may have changed the wages not only of minimum wage earners but others as well.

"So we want to wait for the wage increase to happen. In the meantime, what we're asking the governor to do, and we wrote him a letter, is to get a waiver to continue to support the CNMI's and Chamber's prevailing wage survey from 2011 because of the [Sept. 30] wage increase and DOL may not agree to accepting a report that has wages increasing," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune.*

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the largest business organization in the CNMI, believes it is important to have a prevailing wage that is "commensurate to the facts and circumstances surrounding wages here in the CNMI as well as that H1B and H2B visas be an accessible economic tool for qualified and experienced workforce where no qualified U.S. citizen is available in our region."

The business group will be contacting its members for their financial support to fund the prevailing wage survey, and that amount will be added to existing Chamber funds. It will continue, however, to apply for local and federal grants for the survey.

Only about 1 percent of the estimated 10,000 foreign workers in the CNMI were applied for and were granted H visas since late 2009, but officials hope that the five-year extension of the CW program will be used not only to train U.S. workers but also to transition valuable and qualified CW workers into nonimmigrant or immigrant visa classifications available under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

From Nov. 28, 2009, to March 31, 2014, there were 230 applications for H1B and H2B visas from CNMI employers, data from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services shows. Of these H visa applications, 136 or 59 percent were approved. Seventy-nine applications were denied.

A spike in the number of H visa applications is expected because of construction projects on the pipeline but the approval rate would depend, among other things, on the availability of a new prevailing wage survey. CNMI employers said they cannot use Guam's prevailing wage survey because the wages in Guam are much higher than those in the Commonwealth.

BECQ Brigade cleanup on Sat.

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality's Cleanup Brigade will be at it again picking up trash at Makaka Beach this Saturday, July 5, 2014, at 8am.

If you would like to volunteer, meet the BECQ representatives on Saturday at the Makaka Beach parking lot at 8am. Volunteers will split into groups and clean until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed.

This month, outstanding brigade volunteers who participated in at least 10 monthly cleanups will receive a brigade cap and those who participated in at least three cleanups will receive a brigade T-shirt.

June's Pau Pau Beach cleanup was successful with 40 volunteers from Saipan Southern High School, Tanapag Elementary School, Hopwood Jr. High School, and others participating. About 120 lbs of marine debris was removed from the beach and properly disposed of.

For more information about volunteering, contact the BECQ office at 664-8500/1. ***(BECQ)***

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Bid to dismiss Hunter's lawsuit placed under advisement

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman placed under advisement yesterday a motion to dismiss Glen Hunter's lawsuit against Gov. Eloy S. Inos and several lawmakers for allegedly violating the Open Government Act in passing the casino law.

The Office of the Attorney General filed the motion as counsel for Gov. Eloy S. Inos, the Lottery Commission, and the CNMI government.

Senate President Ralph Torres, House Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, and Reps. Rafael S. Demapan and Felicidad T. Ogumoro also asked for the lawsuit's dismissal.

Senate legal counsels Jose A. Bermudes and Antonette R. Villagomez represented Torres. House counsels John Cool and Joseph Taijeron served as counsels for Deleon Guerrero, Demapan, and Ogumoro.

Hunter is suing the government, Inos, the Lottery Commission, Torres, Deleon Guerrero, Demapan, and Ogumoro.

Assistant attorney general Reena Patel argued that the OGA does not apply to the Legislature because voter initiatives are subject to constitutional scrutiny.

Each legislature has the constitutional power to adopt its own rules and regulations for procedure, so the OGA is invalid since it conflicts with the Constitution, said Patel as counsel for the CNMI government, Lottery Commission and Inos.

Bermudes and Villagomez asserted that the Senate complied with the OGA, which clearly authorizes a governing body to change or amend its agenda.

Bermudez and Villagomez said the Senate enacted House Bills 18-179 and 18-182 in compliance with the OGA.

Cool argued that all of the acts the defendants allegedly committed were legislative in nature and in furtherance of legislative functions. As such, Cool said, each one of the defendants is entitled to legislative immunity.

Attorney Jennifer Dockter, counsel for Hunter, told *Saipan Tribune* after the hearing it is very clear in the Constitution that legislative meetings are for the people as they are public meetings.

"The people worked very hard to get the Open Government Act and achieved that goal," Dockter said.

Unfortunately, Dockter said, the governor, the attorney general, and lawmakers are now arguing it's somehow unconstitutional to require them to give the public notice.

"It's quite tragic," she said.

Dockter said there might be this perception that it's this case's fault that the retirees are not getting their money.

"And what I want to say is that this case is not about casino is yes or casino is no. This case is not about retirees. This case is not about money. This case is about transparency, it's about public participation. It's about integrity in our legislative process," Dockter said.

Patel said that Inos, the government, and the Lottery Commission are not responsible for giving notice about legislative meetings.

Patel said the Legislature has a constitutional right to set forth its own rules and procedures "so we're saying we're asking the court to protect that constitutional provision."

NOTABLES

Local students make honor roll at Oregon State

CORVALLIS—Amanda Maria W. Santos, a junior majoring in Fisheries and Wildlife Science, from Saipan, and Marquina M. Hofschneider, a freshman majoring in Political Science, from Tinian, made it to the Scholastic Honor Roll spring term at Oregon State University. A total of 883 students earned straight A's (4.0). Another 3,305 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work. ***(PR)***

Nigh mamed to Juniata College's spring Dean's List

HUNTINGDON, PA—Juniata College has named 398 students to the dean's list for the 2014 spring semester. Each student must have at least a 3.6 grade average out of a possible 4.0. Louie Richard Ueno Nigh of Saipan Mariana Islands, son of Richard L. Nigh and Yukari Ueno-Nigh, was named to the 2014 spring dean's list. ***(PR)***

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CW cap from the current 14,000 to 16,000, among other things.

Alex Sablan, president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, announced at the general membership meeting yesterday that the business organization is now seeking Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's (Ind-MP) help in convincing U.S. Congress and the U.S. Department of Labor not to reduce the current CW cap of 14,000 and instead increase it to 16,000.

"If the CNMI government policy is to grow the economy, it needs to grow labor," Sablan told Chamber members and guests at the Kanoa Resort in Chalan Kanoa.

At the same time, the Chamber of Commerce is requesting the governor to commission a study that would determine the CNMI's workforce needs.

The governor, in turn, would like the Chamber of Commerce to prepare a proposal for a technical assistance grant from the U.S. Department of Labor and the Department of Homeland Security to be able to get the workforce numbers. Sablan and other Chamber officials met with the governor and other stakeholders last week.

Sablan said the Chamber, for example, does not believe that the 2010 Census data stating that there are 2,800 jobless U.S. workers is still accurate. He said increased economic activity has since decreased the 2010 unemployment data.

He said a study would justify the need for additional rather than decreased workers in the CNMI, particularly foreign workers, to supplement the U.S. workforce.

In a later interview, Sablan said whether the CNMI needs 14,000 or 16,000, "whatever the number is, we are going to need a CW program in the Commonwealth or something like it."

"We cannot work under an H visa program because we are not a seasonal tourist market," he told *Saipan Tribune.*

He said the CNMI already has a CW program that is CNRA-based and is specific to the Commonwealth so extending it in "perpetuity" rather than only until 2019 will meet the CNMI's needs if it wants to continue to grow its economy.

"Is it going to be 14,000 or 16,000? I don't think so but I believe there needs to be something," he added.

Sablan, in his presentation before the Chamber membership, said there are over 17,000 foreign and U.S. workers in the private sector and some 4,200 in government. He said there won't be enough U.S. workers to replace over 11,000 foreign workers and given the growing economy, more workers will be needed.

"Based on the numbers we project, based on hotel rooms coming online, airlines coming in, ancillary businesses, we are going to need an additional 5,000 employees," he later said.

Sablan said the CNMI can bring in as much Micronesian workers as possible, which was what Guam did in the mid-'90s to fulfill its workforce needs.

"But once we exhausted that, and bring those from the U.S. mainland, we still have to look for foreign workers. What the exact number is, I don't know [but] that's why we're asking the governor to commission a report. Look at the dynamics, look at the projections," he added.

The governor, in his State of the Commonwealth Address on Monday, said that CNMI tourism is seeing a significant rebound with more tourist arrivals peaking at figures the CNMI has not seen for several years.

Inos said if the CNMI were to capitalize on the increased demand, the CNMI must increase room capacity and proactively encourage investment in the Commonwealth. All these will require more workers.

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Saipan Chamber of Commerce that he sees a "tremendous nexus" between the business community and the military, both of which will benefit from a stable and peaceful region for economic and military purposes.

"The economic factors that contribute to increased tourism all become obsolete or irrelevant if there's instability, political, or other conflict that permeates the area. Tourist [numbers] go down, dollars go down, if people are arguing and fighting. That's bad for business," Payne said, speaking before businesses right after Chamber of Commerce president Alex Sablan shared his views about a positive CNMI economic future.

Payne proceeded to talk about four major ongoing U.S. Department of Defense initiatives that impact the CNMI and are going through the National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA, process.

These include the 1) relocation of some 4,700 U.S. Marines from Okinawa, Japan, to the region, 2) the expansion of the Mariana Islands Training and Testing, 3) the CNMI Joint Military Training that includes the proposed expanded use of Tinian and the use of Pagan, and 4) the Pacific Air Forces divert airfield that could be on Saipan or Tinian.

The multi-year NEPA process, which could be four to five years, costs an average of $3 million.

Payne said throughout the NEPA process, there are a lot of opportunities for consultations between the military and the members of the CNMI community.

"When you see public scoping meetings or other things in the newspaper about a chance to engage or put in your opinion, please take advantage of that. …We can make this a win-win solution," he said.

On the relocation of Marines from Okinawa to Guam and other areas such as Hawaii and Australia, Payne said there is not much impact on the CNMI except for adding confusion to the other things going on in the region.

The MITT initiative, meanwhile, covers the proposed expansion of training areas, mostly on vast open waters within the Marianas. Payne said the military is getting closer to publishing the final environmental impact statement in late 2014. A record of decision is set for 2015.

The CJMTS, meanwhile, covers the proposed expanded use of Tinian and the use of Pagan for the first time for military live-fire training and other activities, which has drawn strong reactions from residents.

"A lot of people think that's just going to be the troops that's coming in from Okinawa and live in Guam…that's not the case. The CJMTS is a much bigger range; it would improve training and readiness of all our forces in the Pacific so there would be submarines, airplanes, ships, ground forces," he told Chamber members and guests.

Payne encouraged community members to tell the military their concerns, "help us understand where we can find some mutual ground to benefit the community of the CNMI and enable the military to reach the objective we need, to be trained…so we can maintain peace and stability in the area, the economic environment you all need to grow your business, stability for tourists to keep coming…"

He stressed "transparency, openness, collaboration, and communication" throughout the process.

Surveys and studies are still being conducted on this initiative covering Tinian and Pagan. Consultations are ongoing. A draft EIS will be published in 2015, while a final EIS and record of decision is set for 2016.

For the divert airfield initiative, Payne said the U.S. Air Force is getting ready to publish a final EIS, "and it's going to say that Saipan is the preferred alternative."

"That doesn't mean that the book is closed, that the discussions have ended. That's not a decision. That's the Air Force perspective so, again, as we work through the issues associated with this and you have suggestions and ideas, please let us know what they are so we can come up with a win-win situation," he said.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and other CNMI leaders and citizens are united in their position to place the divert airfield on Tinian, which for over 30 years has yet to see a major U.S. military development to help its economy. Two-thirds of Tinian lands are under lease to the U.S. military.

During question-and-answer, Payne said the military has changed many of its proposals regarding the divert airfield as it continues to listen to the CNMI. For example, he said, instead of fighter planes and "all kinds of real loud aircraft" planned for use in the original proposal, the revised scope of work is now mostly the "KC 135 tankers."

Payne added that cost-wise and infrastructure-wise, Saipan remains more attractive for the Air Force versus Tinian. He said the Saipan investment would be some $29 million.

The Chamber's Sablan, meanwhile, expressed the business group's support to the Chamber of Commerce and other issues that have affected the CNMI. Sablan said Payne's departure from the region "will be a true loss for military advocates in the region as Admiral Payne is one of the few region commanders that we have felt was truly interested in listening and finding solutions that all sides could embrace."

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is located near Mariana Resort.

DPS police spokesman Travis Hurst said that based on surveillance footage at Mariana Resort, the Yamada sisters left their hotel room on Sunday at 10:17pm.

On Monday at 12:08pm, the car rented by the sisters was recovered at Wing Beach. Police secured the vehicle, which still had the sisters' passports and other belongings inside.

At 2:20pm on Monday, police found at the beach the clothing and towels believed to belong to the sisters. Inside the towels were the keys to the rental car, U.S. dollar bills, and articles of clothing.

Also found at the beach were rowing paddles and the pump to inflate a raft.

Hurst said investigators found the box for the raft inside the sisters' hotel room on Monday.

Hurst said it is believed that the raft was procured in Japan and brought to Saipan.

Along with the sisters' belongings inside their hotel room were U.S. currency, credit cards, and their suitcases.

Hurst said it is unknown at this time where exactly the sisters are from Japan and what their jobs are.

Hurst said the Japan Consulate has been contacted and it coordinated the travel of the missing tourists' parents to Saipan.

Hurst said the search is still ongoing.

"Anyone with information into the possible whereabouts of these two sisters is asked to call DPS by dialing 911 or (670) 664-9001," Hurst said.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is also assisting in the search efforts. The Office of Homeland Security Emergency Management has deployed their resources and assisted in setting up an incident command center. It is also providing logistical support for land and sea crews.

The sisters reportedly arrived on Saipan Saturday morning. They were scheduled to depart on Monday, June 30, at 6am.

Police confirmed with the airline that the two sisters did not check in for their scheduled departure.

The car rental company alerted Mariana Resort when the car was not properly returned on its due date. The hotel then notified DPS about the tourists' disappearance.

Deferred prosecution for Dynasty VIP services chief OK'd

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The federal court has ordered that prosecution be deferred for 18 months against Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino VIP services manager George Que.

At a Tuesday hearing, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona approved the U.S. government's and Que's deferred prosecution agreement.

Manglona set a status conference in Que's case for Feb. 9, 2016.

Que, represented by lawyer Robert Torres, inked the agreement with the U.S government in exchange for the dismissal of the criminal charges against him.

As part of the agreement, the case against Que will be held in abeyance for 18 months. If he complies with the conditions of the agreement, the charges against him will be dropped.

Those conditions include Que acknowledging responsibility for his conduct, agreeing to cooperate with the U.S. government in its investigation, and no longer working in any position in a U.S. financial institution where he would supervise employees responsible for handling currency.

Que, former THDC casino manager Tim Blyth, and Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investments Ltd, which owns the Dynasty, were charged with engaging in a conspiracy to allow gamblers to conduct transactions involving more than $10,000 without filing the required paperwork with the U.S. government.

The indictment charged Que with one count of conspiracy to cause a financial institution to fail to file a Currency Transaction Report and nine counts of causing a financial institution to fail to file a CTR.

He agreed to pay at least $5,000 as civil monetary penalty.

The prosecution, represented by Assistant U.S. attorney Marivic David, agreed that Que may leave the CNMI and reside outside the U.S. during the 18-month deferred prosecution period.

Should Que breach the agreement, the U.S. government would inform the parties and the court.

Torres said Que has been employed in the CNMI since 2003. He has his family here and has ties to the community.

Que is allowed to travel provided he gives notice to U.S. Probation Office 15 days before doing so.

According to the agreement, during Que's tenure as VIP services manager between March 1, 2011, and April 24, 2013, Dynasty failed to prepare CTR forms for about $27 million in reportable currency transactions as required by law.

In February, Blyth also entered the same agreement with the U.S. government in exchange for the dismissal of the charges against him.

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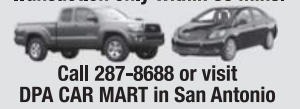
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10 ways to be safe on the beach this 4th of July holiday weekend

The long Fourth of July weekend is a popular time for many people to spend part of their holiday at the beach, and the American Red Cross offers 10 steps people should take to be safe while enjoying fun in the sand and surf.

A recent Red Cross survey found that eight out of 10 families are planning water activities such as going to the beach, pool, waterpark, boating or fishing this summer. The Red Cross has launched an anti-drowning campaign that promotes swim lessons and safe swimming.

"If a trip to the beach is part of someone's holiday plans, the Red Cross has 10 tips that will help beachgoers stay out of harm's way and enjoy their holiday," said Kennedy Benjamin, service delivery manager at the American Red Cross NMI Chapter.

1. If someone plans to swim in the ocean, they should always check weather conditions before going in the water.

2. Always swim with a buddy.

3. Never swim while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

4. Young children and inexperienced swimmers should wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket.

5. Everyone should enter the water feet first if they can't see the bottom or don't know how deep the water is.

6. Be aware of the danger of rip currents. If caught in one, swim parallel to the shore until out of the current. When free, turn and swim toward shore. If unable to swim to the shore, call out for help, float or tread water until free of the rip current and then head toward shore.

7. Limit the amount of direct sunlight received between 10am and 4pm, and wear a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a protection factor of at least 15. Reapply often.

8. Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water regularly, even if not thirsty. Avoid drinks with alcohol or caffeine in them.

9. Protect the eyes by wearing sunglasses that will absorb 100 percent of UV sunlight.

10. Wear beach shoes. The sand is hot and can burn someone's feet and glass and other sharp objects can cut them.

Free Swim and First Aid apps

Another thing people can do is download the free Red Cross Swim and First Aid Apps. Swim App users can learn water safety and drowning prevention information for a variety of aquatic environments. Children can have fun learning water safety tips with the child-friendly videos and quizzes in the app. The First Aid App puts expert advice for everyday emergencies at someone's fingertips. The apps are available for smart phones and tablets and can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store for Android. The Swim App is also available in the Amazon Kindle Store.

More water safety information is available at redcross.org. ***(ARC)***

Labor clears World Resort of violation

Saipan World Resort did not violate the Employer Regulation Declaration as charged by the Enforcement Section of the Department of Labor in their May 12, 2014, hearing, according to hearing officer Jerry Cody, who cited the regulation's "ambiguity" as reasons for favoring the hotel.

Cody

According to the regulation, Enforcement requires employers to file a "declaration" on the Labor's website within 14 days after posting a job position.

Four positions were made available by World Resort between October 2013 and March-April 2014, with a closing deadline of April 4, 2014. But as of April 20, 2014, no response by World Resort had been made.

In its defense, World Resort emphasized that the regulation's language required a declaration only if a U.S. citizen or permanent resident was rejected. Explaining that the hotel's hiring of employees is a multi-step process that takes as long as four to six weeks, a decision to reject or hire was not made within 14 days.

While World Resort acknowledged the deadline, they found no declaration was necessary since no hiring decision was made.

Cody accepted that argument, ruling that an employer only has an obligation to file a declaration if a decision not to hire a citizen or permanent resident was made. If a decision extends beyond the deadline and the employer responds promptly after the hiring decision, the employer should not be sanctioned for failing to file within the 14-day period.

In reviewing World Resort's hiring practice, Cody found that the hotel demonstrated good faith in their attempt to hire U.S. citizens. ***(Dennis B. Chan)***

Boyer gives way to Cody as Rotary holds induction ceremony

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Associate Justice Perry Inos swears in the new Rotary Club of Saipan officers and directors during the induction ceremony on July 1 at the Pacific Islands Club.

Outgoing Rotary Club of Saipan president Laila Boyer quoted 2014 Grammy award winner Macklemore and Ryan Lewis in her speech during Tuesday evening's induction ceremony.

"Here we go back, this is our moment, tonight is our night, will fight 'till it's over, so we put our hands up and the ceiling can't hold us."

The ceremony, held at Charley's Cabaret of the Pacific Islands Club, officially installed the local Rotary Club's new officers and directors.

Boyer said her term was an "ambitious start" in transforming the club from within to serve the community to the best of its resources.

"This was a fruitful and productive year and as I said last year you are only as good as your team," Boyer said.

It was during Boyer's term that the club saw numerous achievements, including starting the groundwork on the Kagman Healthy Living Family Park, hosting the *man'amko* to a Thanksgiving lunch and movie, serving over 3,000 children in the annual Trunk or Treat event, donating toys to the CNMI Salvation Army in the Rotary Club's annual Christmas party, holding the first Love on the Run fundraiser, distributing dictionaries to all third graders in the CNMI, organizing the first Rock-to-Read literary event for junior high and high school students, and continuing to support the Rotary Club Youth Basketball League.

Other achievements included creating new Rotary Club badges, hosting the first Rotary open house, cleaning up the youth skate park, fundraising for the Philippines and Palau for Typhoon Haiyan relief efforts, donating to a Russian children's hospital for the warm window project, participating in the 2014 conference in Tokyo, raising over $5,000 for the Rotary Foundation, organizing a large Las Vegas night fundraiser, and raising over $45,000 for community projects.

"We were recognized in the district for both growth and entertainment and we were No. 1 in the Pacific Group Basin. We doubled the size of the Marianas High School Interact Club and created the first Northern Marianas Rotaract Club," Boyer said.

The new Tokyo Atago District Club also became a sister club of the Rotary Club of Saipan.

According to Rotary Club member Ben Babauta, newly elected president Richard Cody has "big shoes to fill."

Cody acknowledged that, saying that Boyer is a tough act to follow. "I confess that not one single person could fill that void."

Cody also noted the fact that Boyer was the first woman president of the Rotary Club. "Boyer and the outgoing directors were outstanding," he said.

Aside from Cody, other Rotary Club officers and directors inducted Tuesday night were vice president Curtis Dancoe, secretary Lareina Camacho, treasurer Glenn Perez, director for club service Marcia Ayuyu, director for community service Brian Clayton, director for vocational service Thomas Thornburgh, director for international service Laila Boyer, and director for Rotary Foundation Pete Shilling.

Associate Justice Perry Inos administered the new officials' oath of office.

COMMONWEALTH LOTTERY COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

A meeting of the Commonwealth Lottery Commission will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday July 8, 2014 in the Governor's Conference Room 1st Floor Juan Sablan Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. The following is the proposed agenda

I. Meeting Called to Order
II. Public Comment
III. Adoption of Agenda
IV. Executive Session (regarding pending litigation)
V. Return to Public Session
VI. Video Lottery
VII. Adjournment

For further information, please contact the Lottery Commission at 664-2375.

Active monsoon weather seen

The Marianas expects to see an active monsoon weather in the coming days.

According to the Homeland Security and Emergency Management, a monsoon trough is stretched across the region just south of the Marianas. There is also a tropical disturbance centered about 420 miles southeast of the Marianas that is expected to move slowly toward the northwest.

The tropical disturbance is expected to slowly develop and bring locally heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms at times to the region in the next few days. Improving weather is expected by Sunday or Monday.

In addition to showers and thunderstorms, winds gusting to 30 mph or more are possible, mainly on Friday and Saturday.

Members of the public that are living in low-lying or flood-prone areas are advised to be prepared for the possibility of flooding in the next few days. ***(HSEM)***

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COTA to provide transport services for Kagman health center

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The Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority and the Kagman Community Health Center signed a memorandum of understanding last Friday to provide transportation services to the health center in Kagman.

Joining in the signing of the memorandum were Kagman Center executive director Vince T. Castro, Kagman Center board president Velma M. Palacios, and COTA administrator Thomas J. Camacho.

The memorandum arose from a 2004 survey conducted by the then-Department of Public Health, during which 50 Kagman residents surveyed said they have trouble getting health care because of transportation problems. Another 85 respondents said there were times in the last 12 months when they needed to see a doctor but could not do so because of lack of transportation. Another seven said they are not getting regular medical care for chronic illnesses because of transportation issues.

The survey had a total of 458 respondents.

In response to the call for help on transportation, the Kagman health center originally planned to buy vehicles and hire drivers to assist their patients with their transportation needs.

According to Camacho, that plan changed when the health center learned of COTA's Call-a-Ride Saipan Service through its campaign activities.

"When we heard about COTA's Call-a-Ride Service and that it is also open to the public, we were so relieved we arranged to meet with COTA to find out more," Castro said.

Castro said they learned so much about public transportation during the initial meeting with Camacho and COTA's key staff.

"What is great about COTA's transit service is that all their vehicles are accessible, insured, and transit operators are trained and certified on CPR and are required to pass the Passenger Service and Safety Trainer and Driver Certification Program," Castro said.

"It is comforting to know that COTA's staff are certified PASS trainers and are currently training and certifying all transit operators," he added.

According to the memorandum, COTA will provide transportation services to the Kagman Health Center as an independent service provider.

The Kagman Health Center will be responsible "to defray all the published fare for all of its qualified patients" but will only pay for roundtrips between a patient's residence to KCHC and back home.

Camacho said that once the Saipan Fixed-Flex Route System is implemented in 2015, the public can just wait for the bus at their nearest bus stop location.

"In fact, riders will conveniently get off the bus at the designated bus stop to be located right next to the Kagman Community Health Center in Kagman II," Camacho said.

Camacho said they are very pleased with the latest transit service agreement and collaboration effort. "These just confirms the recent transit feasibility study that public transportation in the CNMI is needed and plays a vital role in improving the quality of life of people," he said.

He said public transportation enhances personal opportunities that provide mobility and freedom for people from every walk of life.

According to Camacho, another transit service agreement under development is with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Camacho noted that COTA also serves the needs of other organizations, including the Center for Living Independently and other patients of private healthcare providers.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CNMI Women's Association's Raffle postponed

Because of difficulty circumstances, the drawing date for the CNMI Women's Association's Raffle has been moved to Aug. 30, 2014. Your understanding and support is sincerely appreciated. ***(PR)***

Family grief support meeting on July 3

A group that is in the process of forming a Compassionate Friends chapter in Saipan will be holding their monthly grief support meeting on Thursday, July 3, from 6pm to 7:30pm, in the NMPASI conference room on Middle Road, in Gualo Rai. For more information, call Jill Derickson at 989-9821 or e-mail jilld@pticom.com. To learn more about The Compassionate Friends, visit their website at www.compassionatefriends.org. ***(PR)***

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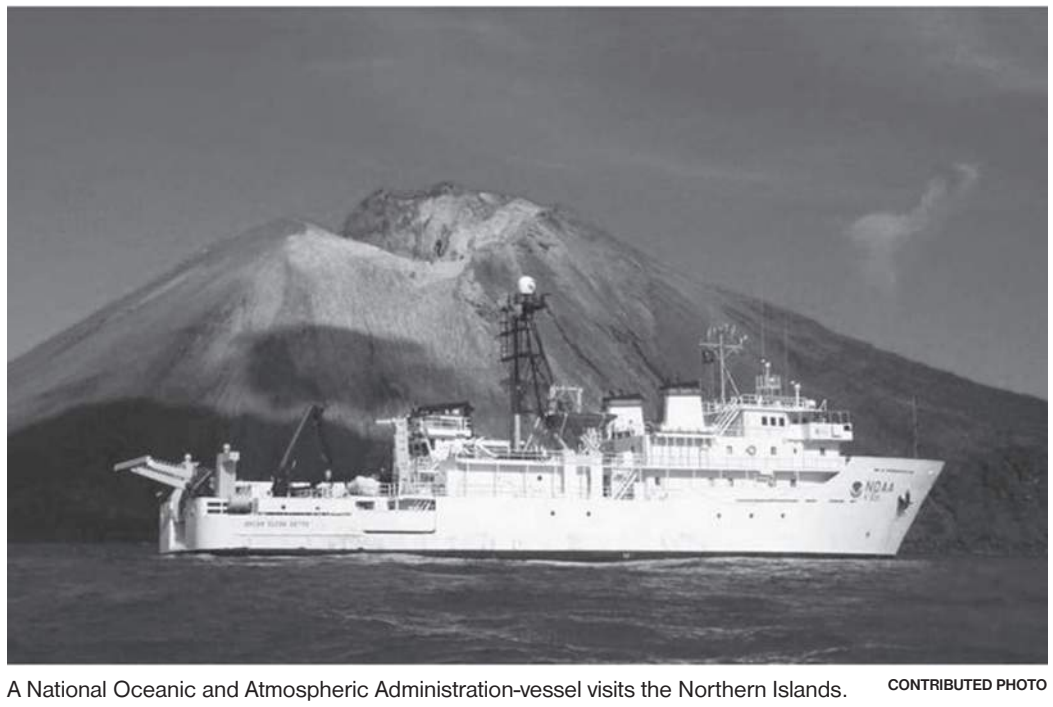
Northern Islands research talk this Saturday

What's it like to sail to the CNMI's northernmost islands? What aspects of marine science is the current research team studying up there now and what have they learned so far? How do this year's findings compare to previous expeditions? Would you like to visit and tour an oceanographic vessel personally?

The Asia Pacific Academy of Sciences, Science Education, and Environmental Management is pleased to co-host a public presentation by federal and local researchers who will have just returned from an expedition to the pelagic and nearshore waters off our archipelago's northernmost islands.



A National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration-vessel visits the Northern Islands. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Led by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration-vessel lead scientist Robert L. Humphreys Jr., the group's talk will begin at 6:30pm and close at 8pm at the American Memorial Park auditorium this Saturday evening, July 5.

In addition to NOAA staff, local scientists from the CNMI Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality and the Division of Fish and Wildlife will be presenting on the voyage's array of inquiry topics and findings, along with descriptions of the various instruments and methods used. As at all APASEEM meetings, topical questions from audience members are strongly encouraged. For more information visit our local academy's website at www.apaseem.org or write to us at apaseem@gmail.com.

In addition to the presentation, the scientists and crew of the *Oscar Elton Sette*, our regions' principal NOAA fishery research vessel, will host scientist-guided tours at an open house for persons interested in visiting the ship itself, also on this Saturday at Charlie Dock, Saipan, from noon to 4pm. For information about the ship and its ongoing mission, see NOAA's ship flier at http://www.omao.noaa.gov/publications/os_flier.pdf.

Mark your calendar for an interesting afternoon and evening this Saturday and come learn about the ocean's environment and its various life forms. APASEEM is a locally established and U.S. IRS-recognized 501c(3) nonprofit organization. ***(APASEEM)***

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 3, 2006

Free power generators

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has received offers of free power generators from a Philippine government agency and a private company based in the country. Acting CUC executive director Tony Guerrero said that the Philippines' National Power Corp. has offered to "hand over" four to five engines to CUC if the Commonwealth would pay for the shipping costs. In addition, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said that Prime Asia Group had made a similar offer to the Commonwealth. Guerrero said that CUC is considering the proposal, but is also worried about the huge cost of bringing the engines to the CNMI.

Beautify CNMI plants 11 more flame trees

The Beautify CNMI'S subcommittee on restoration, with the help of Filipino organization MOVER, plus some government agencies and volunteers, planted 11 more flame trees along Beach Road in Garapan yesterday morning. There are now a total of 22 newly planted flame trees between Garapan Fishing Base and Gold Beach Hotel along Beach Road since the subcommittee on restoration kicked off its tree planting project on June 19, 2006. Rep. Cinta Kaipat, Marianas Resource Conservation Development Council coral reef public involvement coordinator Angelo Villagomez, restoration subcommittee member Carl Brachear, and Division of Environmental Quality waste reduction & recycling coordinator Tina Sablan led the tree planting.

July 3, 2007

PTI launches new GSM network

Pacific Telecom Inc. launched yesterday its $1.6 million GSM network, giving customers greater ease in connecting with friends, business associates, and families here and around the world, especially in countries using GSM technologies such as Japan, the Philippines, and Europe. "[It allows] customers to roam, to connect to what has become the world standard for mobile communication. GSM is used throughout Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and South America, as well as in the U.S. [through Cingular and T-Mobile]. …We are now offering the best of both worlds under one group: CDMA and GSM," said PTI president and CEO Rickly Delgado Jr. in yesterday's launching at the PTI office in Susupe. Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, who attended the event, described it as a major breakthrough and one that would boost local tourism and trade.

DC lobbyist contract to be renewed

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial yesterday said he would sign a new contract with the CNMI government federalization consultant. Fitial said he was satisfied with the work done by Oldaker, Biden & Belair, whose initial six-month contract will expire on Monday, July 9, 2007. The six-month renewal deal will carry the same price tag as the first one—$15,000 a month, plus approved expenses. "I would like to keep them until all of our federal issues are resolved," Fitial said. According to the consulting contract, the Governor's Office hired the D.C.–based Oldaker, Biden & Belair to "make its best effort to assist the Commonwealth in developing and executing government relations plans."

July 3, 2008

'Big projects will get priority'

The federal cap on the number of foreigners labor officials can permit to work in the Commonwealth after the passage of legislation federalizing local immigration laws has yet to be reached, according to Division of Labor chief Barry Hirshbein, but regulators must still give many available openings to key development projects to spur economic growth. "The numbers look good," Hirshbein said before a meeting of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce Wednesday at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Garapan, adding that Labor currently has about 300 employment slots available below the more than 22,400 worker limit imposed by the bill.

Businesses eye wind energy

With a recent spike in electricity rates forcing scores of small businesses in the Commonwealth to cut costs in order to survive, many are eyeing wind energy as a potential solution and zoning officials are poised to present a series of new regulations soon to help them get it. Zoning officials have recently seen an upswing in requests by small businesses and homeowners seeking clearance to install wind turbines in response to higher electricity rates, according to zoning administrator Steve Tilley. However, local regulations for erecting wind turbines now only address those used to generate power for sale to consumers.

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Saipan Zip Lines, LLC

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Saipan Zip Lines, LLC is proposing to operate a zip-line amusement activity designed to enable users propelled by gravity to travel from the top to bottom of inclined cables. This use is classified as Amusement, Outdoor and will be located on lots 058 A 10, 006 A 01, 064 A 01, and TR 4-2 in Marpi. These areas are zoned as Rural, Public Resource, and Tourist Resort.

Date: July 10th, 2014, Thursday
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd flr, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan

The above application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Comments on the project may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments shall be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan no later than 4:30pm, July 9th, 2014. Written comments may also be submitted via email to therese.ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp , via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & Saipan Zoning Law of 2013).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Big Boy Marine Sports, Inc.

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Big Boy Marine Sports, Inc. is proposing to operate vehicle repairs and maintenance, with paint and auto body works, on lot 409-1-R-1. This use is classified as "Vehicle Repair, General" and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This area is located south of Chalan Mnsgr Guerrero at the former Jenmarz location. It is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

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/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman

Notice Of Zoning Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, July 10th, 2014 at 5:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten DanDan Commercial Bldg., Saipan (Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • e-mail: www.zoning.gov.mp)

A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of June 5th, 2014 minutes
5. Public Comments *(not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)*

B. Public Hearings
1. Conditional Use Application #2014-1578: Big Boy Marine Sports, Inc. is proposing to operate vehicle repairs and maintenance, with paint and auto body works, on lot 409-1-R-1. This use is classified as "Vehicle Repair, General" and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This area is located south of Chalan Mnsgr Guerrero at the former Jenmarz location. It is zoned as Mixed Commercial.
2. Conditional Use Application #2014-2264: Saipan Zip Lines, LLC is proposing to operate a zip-line amusement activity designed to enable users propelled by gravity to travel from the top to bottom of inclined cables. This use is classified as Amusement, Outdoor and will be located on lots 052 A 05, 058 A 09 & 10, 006 A 01, 064 A 01, and TR 4-2 in Marpi. These areas are zoned as Rural, Public Resource, and Tourist Resort.

C. Communications/ Reports
D. Old Business. None
E. New Business
1. Office operations report

F. Executive (Closed) Session.
G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

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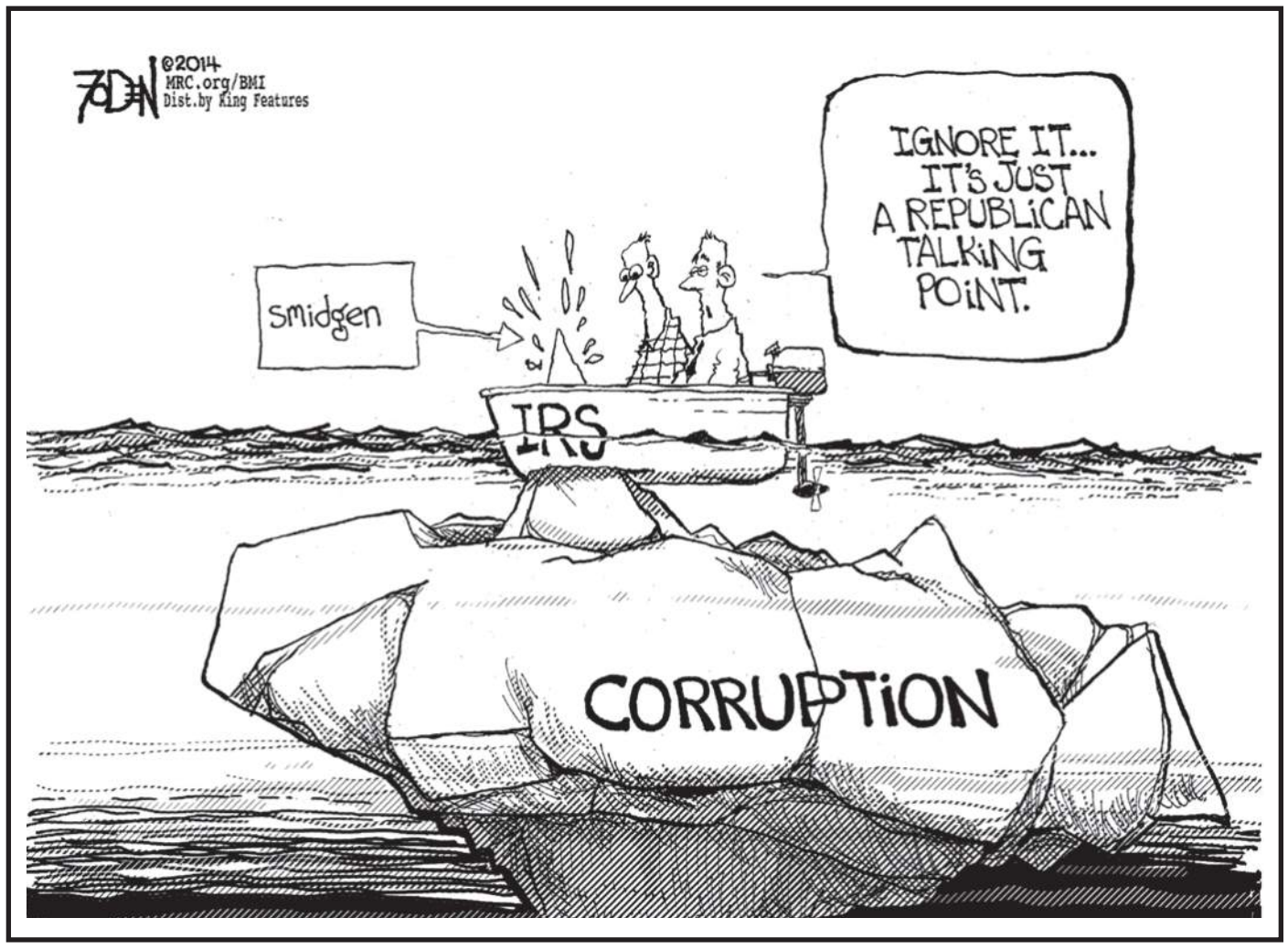

EDITORIAL

Women's rights get short shrift in Hobby Lobby case

The following editorial appeared in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette *on Tuesday, July 1:*

Never mind the adage about fools rushing in where angels fear to tread. The U.S. Supreme Court defers to those who invoke religious belief, even if their personhood resides in a for-profit corporation. In another 5-4 decision dividing the court's conservatives and liberals, the justices Monday took a radical step that disturbs the fine balance between an individual's right to the free exercise of religion and the rights of other Americans.

Yet in his majority opinion, Associate Justice Samuel Alito downplayed the significance of what the court was recklessly doing. He wrote "...our holding is very specific. We do not hold, as the principal dissent alleges, that for-profit corporations and other commercial enterprises can 'opt out of any law (saving only tax laws) they judge incompatible with their sincerely held religious beliefs.'"

Americans should hope this is true but there is reason for skepticism. At every turn, Justice Alito and his confederates gave the benefit of a doubt to those who challenged requirements of the Affordable Care Act for some types of contraception coverage.

If this is an indication of the future, the case of Sylvia Burwell, secretary of Health and Human Services, v. Hobby Lobby Stores Inc. and Conestoga Wood Specialities Corp., could loom as large as the notorious Citizens United case in its capacity for mischief. Just as in Citizens United, the question of whether a corporation can be considered a person loomed large.

The closely held corporations successfully argued that the Religious Freedom Restoration Act gave them a pass on providing contraception as part of their employees' health insurance plans. It didn't matter they were set up as for-profit corporations. They were a person under the act and capable of the free exercise of religion, Justice Alito said.

Not so, said Associate Justice Ginsburg, the author of the principal dissent, rebutting the court's decision as one of "startling breadth." Putting her finger on the collateral damage, she decried the impact on "in these cases, thousands of women employed by Hobby Lobby and Conestoga ..." And that may be just for starters.

This is a troubling decision. It is as if the Supreme Court were hell-bent on defending religion and never mind the cost to those who don't share the boss's beliefs.

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Privacy

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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"Opening up and reform" is Deng Xiaoping's mantra that opened the economic floodgates of the Chinese market. I ask my Chinese students to leave their "faces" outside the classroom door so that they can meet their authentic selves in speaking about their objective selves, feelings expressed, thoughts articulated, and willful acts openly planned and shared, through a foreign language. I request them to be more public and be less private.

In the last three months, a close associate called my attention to the issue of privacy. Surfing in cyberspace can easily distort personal images. I wrote an article where I mentioned the Chinese word "ni ge" sounding like the racist word "niggah" in relationship to a widely seen clip of the Clippers' Donald Sterling. I also mentioned an associate of African descent. He indicated that he preferred his name not be associated with the word, an occurrence known to happen when Googling.

I wrote a "one year, one page" bioprofile for my grandsons and ended up sharing the output with the net of my immediate family. One of my relations was not too keen in having her children be identified by real names. Last week, I mentioned my four grandsons by name in this column and was quickly reminded that cyberspace has people who take advantage of real identities, and my narrative could serve my purposes as well with just fictitious names.

I do not think there was disapproval nor reprobation intended by those who expressed their preferences, as another colleague clearly stated that he did not doubt the nature of my intent, but nonetheless, in a time when media bombard us with images of the bogeyman lurking not too far afar, it is not surprising that our reflexes go on defense, and be vigilant on offense when necessary.

The contrast is stark. Chinese culture needs to open up to the value and virtue of being truly a real individual rather than just be a peon in a crowd, or digit in a unit of a roll call. Conversely, we have a digitized world where one can cheaply access the record of everyone in the public domain, on one's profile and those of others, much to the chagrin of those who would rather keep certain information private.

As a journalist, I am aware how easily a distortion in perception can be manipulated, if not abused on the printed and broadcast media. Many a writer and a broadcaster takes cover behind "reliable sources" to disguise blatant slants for the sake of favored sensationalized story. It is thereby understandable that many would rather stay away from exposing their details to open public stare.

Privacy, however, is an internal state of integrity rather than an antiseptic slate of social standing and privileged psychical space. It is not a territory to be guarded by anxiety-filled defense granted the sordid intents of others. There is the disturbing trend to turn into protected public face, where privacy is equal to keeping a socially acceptable, or even safe profile without the gauge of authenticity, truth, and reality. That's when anxieties override the carefree but authentic living of our lives, to defending and refurbishing our public image.

There are programs in the Internet that provide introductory 99 cents' offer to access all the public record of a bioprofile (civil and criminal), plus identified relations; they even a list the number of attempts made by others to access one's record. (A disclaimer: I had not availed of the service so I do not know if the offer identifies *who* accessed my record.)

Still, I do not mean to invalidate the fears of many with regards to the perceived invasion of their privacy, nor will I discard their fears. Privacy is a legally protected terrain, though anything on public record is fair game for the asking. There lies the scare; we teeter between the "public's need to know" as well as guard "privileged information" as a matter of personal right. Many in the West are getting used to the objective accessibility of information on public records now made available in the digitized world.

With incidences of young children suing their parents so they can chart the course of their own destiny over and above parental wishes, parents and grandparents can no longer be cavalier in their mention of real names in their recollections, memoirs, and personal narratives. That's what this grandpa was called to account when I casually mentioned actual names of, *inter alia,* my children and grandchildren.

This column has, however, been clear that we do not write about a theme or a topic to inform or conduct a cognitive discussion, or mention our self so others can know us, but to elicit from readers their own reflections of their circumstances, personal and social, using my own experience and relation to trigger the reflective exercise.

Privacy, a slippery slope, heads in many directions. In the West, it is spilling out into the public domain with the visualizing capacity of drones equipped with cameras, and fears of invasion of privacy have become rampant. On the other hand, where there is a long tradition of hiding behind veiled doors and great walls, we know that opening up is the only option for reform.

$5,000 na hatsada!

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune *and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.*

Yangin sinsiyu kinemprenden niha pinadesen tautau pues i senadot siha ni gine`luluye as Raphael Torres yan Victor B. Hocog siempre guaha inadahe gi hatsadan sueddon ginen dos islas ni matasa gi $5,000 pesus gi mes.

Un` mutiplika $5,000 kontra dose mesis. Tutat: $60,000 mit gi sakan. Unna daña este yan sueddon lehisltura pa`gu $39,500. I tutat: $90,500 para siha gi sakan. Hatsadan para betsan niha ni hita umapapase. Malefa si Señores Rafet yan Bitot na ginen kalaguagta ayu na hatsada.

Hafa mohon gaige hinasson niha? Na guaha difirensia gi pinadesen i tautau yan membron lehislatura? Manu `nai gaige i sanu yan yo`ase` na konsensian niha?

Inipos este na che`chu` kabron yan muron. Mauleg tana`e teñguañg niha: Yangin i kontribusion tax iya Luta ni mismu municipalidatña ti siña ha kubre sa` hafa na para hame Saipan para bai`n katga este na diskuidu?

Mana` ayau gaming commission i dos tanu`. Ya para in` talun` umumpañg mas gastu ginen i kalaguag famaguon Saipan?

Pinadesen Diskuidu

Esta 36 años na tiempu deste ke ta gobietnan maisa hit. Mauleg na tinituhon gi hilu` appruebau na kontrata yan iya America. Siete años na garentiha gi fondun para gaston fasilidat siha tat kumu hanom, kandet, chalan, eskuela, hinemlu`, paip aplacha` (sewer) yan otru siha obligasion.

Ta kusecha tiempun abundansia gi mediu sisienta siha na sakan. Machuchuda` salape` guine nina` halom fakterian magagu, industrian turista yan otru bisnis siha. Dispues humuyuñg i fakterian magagu. Tinatiye ni hiniyuñg Japan Airlines yan man-dañkulu siha na bisnis Japones. Deste ayu na tiempu ha tutuhon basnag ekonomian iya Marianas.

Ti hu li`e sensian animu para ta guatdia i mampos paska na ekonomian isla. Ta saulag mañana estake ha hogse hit mismu diskuiduta pa`gu na tiempu.

`An seriosu i tautau chetnotña ya numa`lu tatte tat seguru na u kahulu` ensegidas. `An kahulu, kau u famokat ya yangin mamokat kau ti u matomba? Estague` na puntu siha kulan ta chanda gi un` banda gi sumen paska yan destrosiau na ekonomian isla. Ta gramaderu i tiempu kulan mohon gaige faborapble gi halom afafa`ta.

Man-diskuidau hit mampos gi asuntu ni debi ta guatdia diariu. `Nai umaliñgkiñg ya ha sufa` i matttiñgan didog na chinatsaga, todu man-ñgaha` man-a`afaisen haf` masusede. Ke lau na ti man-sabiun hegsu` I Deni` dumiskuida siha?

Ti Sakaten Ñeti

Yangin sinsiyu kinimiten man-ma-elihe na offisiat publiku siha gi asuntun linahyan, pues ti umarepite i fatsgu na pinetsige ni lumuñu` linala` tautau-ta.

Lau megai man-ginacha` induktu gi halom dambulun fache` dinage `nai ti siña masatban maisa chatbidan niha. Mas mañogñug i lina`la` i publiku!

Guaha mas ke 20 años matachoñg ya taya` sustansiau na areglu ha pega pot para u adelanta linala` publiku. Ti kuantos años hau mata`chong soluke kau haf` diberas na areglun adelantu linagñgosmu. `An taya, pues mauleg unnana`lu tatte sueddomu gi tautau siha.

Chatmiyu pumpo`lu i publiku kulan `an pañot sakaten ñiete gi halom estomagun guaka ni siña ha lagnos pot para u ta`lun muñgañgas. Ni unu gi entre hame mafañagu `an pañot cha`guan! Dispues, get atan sa` libianu in` fa` sakate hamyu na eleksion.

Mattirun Klima

Lamegai fumalague hospitat na mes pot pinadesen maipe `sino figan tiempu. Magahet na inipos ke maipe sa` figan i ininan atdau na biahe. Megai nina` fan fatigau ni finigaña.

Mauleg in` chema` ñaihon famaguon miyu manhugandu gi papa` somnag. `An amku` piot 65 años para mona, mas safu hau `an un` suhaye i figan `sino maipen ha`ane. Hu komprende na guiya este i mapredikta para umas hihot i atdau gi tanu` na biahe. Poresu na debi in` adahen maisa hamyu ginen este na klima.

Yangin un` padedese tatkulu haga`, probleman korason, chetnot daibites pat ti sessu hau mamokat gi entre semana, taya` presisu na para un` atrebi hau gi halom maipe. Na pasensia hau sa` kareran halom taduñg na sabanan diskuidu hagu mismu para un` padese.

Che`chu` karidat

`Nai makone` dos hobensitu macho`chu` gi un` tendan dikiki`, sige i unu ha pasalista haf` siha para u fahan ni pagamientoña. Ha faisen i amiguña haf` para u fahan. Ineppe na taya`.

Ha tatiye pot para u ketuñgu ` kau dumibeberas. Ilegña i amiguña, "Todu ginanaghu para i mañainahu sa` malañgu si tatahu ya lapoput i konbransan hospitat".

Dispues de mahuchom i tenda ya sige tatte para iya siha, sige ha hassu finu` i amiguña yan obligasion mañainaña. `Nai ha resibe pagamientoña, ha chule` lamita ya hana`e amiguña.

Ilegña, "Hagu fumanu`e-yu` chechu` echu tautau ya hunana`e hau mit grasia sa` unna` fanli`e-yu` manana". Mafotma sumen hihot na amesta estake magradua i dos gi eksuela. Che`chu karidat!

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`Nai ha resibe amiguhu $150-mit pesus kebleña ginen i war claims, malag i tendan kumaireña gi bisinu para u famahan un` kostat pugas. Finaisen ensegidas as komaireña, "Pare, manu malago`mu, i pigas pat i tenda?" Chatmata i amku` ya piniloña na $15 pesus ha` gaige gi checkña.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Too much already!

I am writing this letter because I am appalled by what I read in Friday's paper about the $5,000 monthly subsistence allowance that the CNMI Senate is giving members from Tinian and Rota. I remember that one candidate's platform in the last election was for the reduction in the number of legislative members. I wonder what happened to his campaign promise? We do not really need 29 people to represent the people of the Commonwealth. I will volunteer to serve for free and I promise to be twice as productive.

Our coffers are about dry! Both the Legislature and Office of the Governor have failed to remit their fair share to the Retirement Fund because they kept saying that there is no more money to pay the government contribution, which is what caused the defunct retirement system to collapse in the first place. The governor continues to grant CUC emergency status, so much as a reward to cover the government's failure to pay its fair share of the power bill. So much for an autonomous agency. The consumers are strung out as result of these sandbaggers taking advantage of a broken system. This entire disguise is a fog and a ploy to distort the truth and misguide the public.

I work in the private sector, and my employer does not grant me food allowance and or housing allowance. We have a large legislative body that rakes in $60,000 a year to live like kings: $60,000 multiplied by six members is $360,000! This is on top of their salaries. We are also subsidizing their CUC bills on Rota and Tinian. What if the government were to take this money and pay CUC? It's not rocket science. We, the people of Saipan, are paying for these guys to come to Saipan, if and when they want to. But they don't have to show up. Let's look at the legislative roll call. I would guess that there are more times than not that they are no-show. There is no accountability for our money. They get the money whether they're at the Senate or not. More than a quarter of a million dollars every year goes to circumvent the constitutionally mandated salary cap. This is why we have lifetime members in the Legislature because there is free money. Hard work is not a required and salary is constitutionally protected.

The Legislature needs to look closely at the Constitution and follow the prescribed session requirements. They really do not need to meet and be here on Saipan. While we are struggling, our generous Senate increases their pot to get fatter. What a life, and this what they are doing to the people of the Commonwealth for years—just lining their pockets. I say stop this nonsense and return back the allowance as none of your deserve such subsistence.

To the people of the Commonwealth wake up! *Esta este dimasao!*

Leroy Pangelinan Rangamar
China Town, Garapan, Saipan

Basta, enough BS!

Governor, there is no disrespect intended but someone must say something about your ridiculous politics. I'm just not afraid to hold any of our politicians' feet to the fire as none of them are above the law and accountability to the people and I care far more about the CNMI than any politician! I beg the indulgence of readers to think about how ridiculous the governor's claim is—that the anti-casino move is politically motivated. The anti-casino movement has been in existence for over a decade driven by the church and social activists as a result of the devastation done to our society by the poker machines. It was a social and economic matter for the people, not political!

The casino issue was given too the people in the past to keep it from being a political football and it was you, governor, who made the casino issue a political football by ignoring the "no" decision of the people and forcing the issue with your political machine in the Legislature. So don't cry foul, governor, when you are the one doing all the fouling! The politics of those against the casino in the Legislature is not politically motivated for self-interest but soundly based on what the people decided in the voting booth! Governor, until the people vote again on the casino issue it will remain the politics of the people so don't complain when the representatives of the people maintain their respect and allegiance to the people's "no" decision! I told readers you were not a real politician and now you are proving it!

I also found it interesting and even eye-opening to see the governor and his Covenant Party on the front page of the news together. One has been arrested for corruption and the other is using half-truths to tell whole lies and thinks we the people are stupid enough to believe the lies. Ever since the Covenant Party took control of our government there has been one arrest after another, thanks to the feds and our own public auditor. Why Sen. Torres wanted to unite with the Covenant I may never know, even though I know he must have thought at the time it was a great power play for votes. He didn't think about the ticking bombs that had already exploded within the Covenant Party and the ones not yet discovered. Better luck next time, Sen. Torres, and please choose better because you deserve a better running mate—a lot of voters like you but not your running mate. You should have known better than to let the governor get you to go against the people's "no" decision. Now look at the mess that can even be smelled as far away as Washington D.C.!

Basta! Enough of your poor and even bad politics, governor, with lip service full of half-truths that are really whole lies. We are not stupid and can see what you are trying to do—get elected for the first time and doing a horrible job of it because retirees are waking up and not falling for your BS.

PS: Doubling up on your big signs does not equate to votes. You either earn votes or you don't! I also want the Babauta and Heinz Republican teams to know that I really like both teams but it is far more important for the CNMI to find a cure for our very sick democracy and the Democrats are the only antidote. We the people need a strong two-party system for the proper checks and balances within our government so people like me and others won't have to hold our leaders accountable from the sidelines as election season is really about having good accountable government for the people of the CNMI, not individual politicians playing politics to get elected.

Ambrose M Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

Segundo, we love you

We need to listen to Mr. Segundo Castro. What he said in the *Saipan Tribune* on June 26 should be tattooed on the forehead of everyone involved in giving $100,000 to the Northern Marianas Descent Corp. so we know who these idiots are. It's 2014 and this organization is not needed, as he so eloquently puts it. I'm not so eloquent. The 50 or so men that rule the CNMI have never experienced hardship of any kind and really don't care about the average Juan, so don't look to them for any sympathy or help. I'm sorry, Mr. Castro, but PSS doesn't teach ethics or empathy anymore and the rich have no use for it. Thirty years ago some of the churches tried to stand up for morality but even they seem to have given up. There is more than enough money around but no one has the guts to tell the government to cancel the tax rebate, which only benefits the rich, or put a sales tax on all single item purchases over $50, which mostly the rich make, or tax all idle land over one hectare that no one lives on, which belongs mostly to the rich. The rich wrote every law we have and they were written to benefit themselves. Don't expect any help from these people. We're not alone, this is the norm the world over now.

Gary DuBrall
Chalan Piao, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.
▲86° ▼79°

FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.
▲87° ▼78°

SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. South winds 15 to 20 mph.
▲87° ▼79°

SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼79°

MONDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼79°

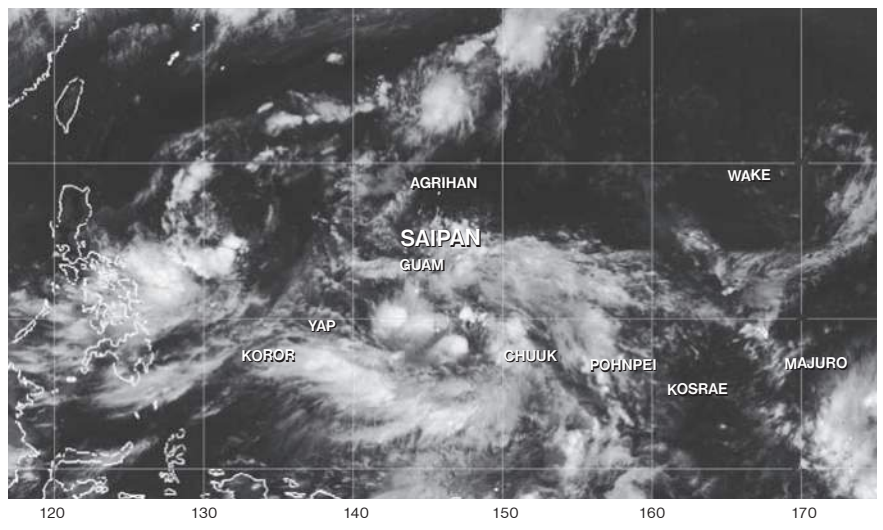
Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼82
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼79

Around The Globe

Auckland	Windy	▲55	▼51
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼71
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼82
Honolulu	Sunny	▲86	▼75
London	Sunny	▲79	▼58
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼65
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼77
Melbourne	Sunny	▲58	▼46
Miami	Thundershowers	▲89	▼78
New York	Thundershowers	▲89	▼75
Osaka	Rain	▲71	▼68
Paris	Sunny	▲83	▼64
Pusan	Showers	▲74	▼68
Rome	Sunny	▲88	▼68
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼55
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲61	▼53
Seoul	Rain	▲74	▼66
Tokyo	Showers	▲78	▼68
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲96	▼76

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends east-southeastward across 13N130E through an elongated circulation north of Koror near 12N135E continues through a broad monsoon circulation centered northwest of Chuuk near 8N148E then ends near 1N159E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the first circulation are found west and northwest of Koror west of a line from 15N133E to 11N134E to 5N130E. The large monsoon circulation is producing widespread cloudiness, showers and isolated thunderstorms in the area bounded by 2N140E to 7N136E to 16n146E to 14N156E to 7N158E to EQ157E back to 2N140E. This includes Yap, Chuuk,, Pohnpei and the Mariana Islands. Low-level convergence is producing scattered showers within 150 miles either side of a line from 14N161E to 7N170E including Kwajalein. Low-level convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms well north of the Northern Marianas between 23N and 25N from 144E to 147E. A trade-wind disturbance southeast of Majuro is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over parts of Kiribati between the equator and 5N from 172E to 178E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:42 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
7:00 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet
11:43 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
6:30 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:51 AM	6:52 PM
Saturday	5:51 AM	6:52 PM
Sunday	5:52 AM	6:52 PM
Monday	5:52 AM	6:52 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	10:23 AM	10:49 PM
Friday	11:10 AM	11:28 PM
Saturday	11:59 AM	
Sunday	12:48 PM	12:07 AM
Monday	1:40 PM	12:49 AM

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	1, 3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	9:50pm	1, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
D28009	12:50pm	4:05pm	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
UA5039/179	2:30pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:20pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

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GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7
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SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

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BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

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GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

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MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

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HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

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UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5038	9:55pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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July 4 rallies to call for TPS for the Philippines

GUAM—Filipino-American leaders are calling on Filipino-American communities across the country to stage "picnic rallies" on July 4, which is commemorated by both the United States and the Philippines as "Filipino-American Friendship Day."

On this day, Filipinos and Filipino-Americans in several U.S. cities, Saipan, and Guam will gather for their traditional July 4th picnics. But in addition to their festive activities, they will also use the occasion to call attention to a critical issue related to Typhoon Haiyan: Temporary Protected Status for some 200,000 Filipino nationals in the U.S. TPS will help Filipinos here as well as the hundreds of thousands of victims of supertyphoon Haiyan in the Philippines. Those here will be given employment authorizations and travel permits. With these, they will be able to significantly assist the Philippine typhoon victims—financially and otherwise.

"A grant of full TPS is an urgent and appropriate humanitarian response to the catastrophic consequences of the strongest storm in history," said Loida Nicolas Lewis, national chair of the U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance. "TPS status would allow Filipino nationals currently in the United States to help their families back home rebuild their lives. Thus, there is a compelling need to provide them with legal protections. It has been seven months since the Aquino government asked the Obama administration for TPS. We are calling on President Obama to please direct Homeland Security to grant TPS now."

In Guam, a TPS picnic rally will be held at the Tamuning Mayor's office park pavilion located on Tun San Antonio corner North Marine Corps Drive, across the ITC building, from 3pm to 6pm on July 4. A huge banner requesting President Obama to grant TPS for the Philippines and posters stating that the Philippines is a long time friend and ally of the U.S. and thanking the American people and US in helping the Typhoon Haiyan victims will be displayed, said Dr. Celia Lamkin, chair of U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance and National Federation of Filipino-American Associations Marianas chapter for Guam and CNMI and organizer of both Guam and Saipan TPS picnic rallies.

On Saipan, Filipinos and Filipino-Americans will have the TPS picnic rally on July 4 at the Kilili Pavilion on Beach Road, Susupe (across the Ada Gym), from 2pm to 6pm. A huge banner, posters like the ones in Guam will be displayed and fact sheets on TPS will be distributed for public awareness and education. In addition, free blood pressure measurement will be provided to the participants.

"We want President Obama know that once he approves TPS, there are also many Filipinos in Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands who will benefit from TPS and will eventually help the Philippines," said Lamkin.

In Washington, D.C., community organizers plan to display a huge banner in front of the White House.

Filipino-American organizations in Austin, Detroit, New York, Philadelphia, and San Francisco also plan to display TPS banners at July 4th parades in these cities. ***(US-P4GG)***

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Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc. staff member Samantha Sikayun, left, presents a check to Northern Marians College representative Raymond Villagomez, right, in support of the Northern Marianas College Foundation fundraiser golf tournament held on June 28, 2014 at the Lao Lao Bay Golf & Resort.

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Labor touts prospects for jobless

The Department of Labor reported yesterday that the CNMI "job bank" is filling up with new opportunities for employment this year, as jobs data collected from March to June lists 751 job vacancy announcements.

According to a Labor statement, only 10 percent of the total jobs posted have been hired, equivalent to 76 individuals. Thirty-five percent of these jobs were new positions, while 62 percent of posted jobs were for contract worker visa renewals.

Food preparation and serving, installation, maintenance and repair, and sales occupations are some of the larger number of vacancies posted, to name a few.

With the daily increase in job openings, Labor encourages the unemployed to register with the department, update their information online at www.marianaslabor.net, or visit them at their office on Capital Hill for further job assistance.

The department also checked on businesses to see if they are complying with labor regulations, with a total of 205 businesses visited since the beginning of this year. Data collected from these businesses show a total workforce of 4,532, about 53 percent of which are foreign national workers, 39 percent are status qualified citizens, and 9 percent are part-time workers. ***(Dennis B. Chan)***

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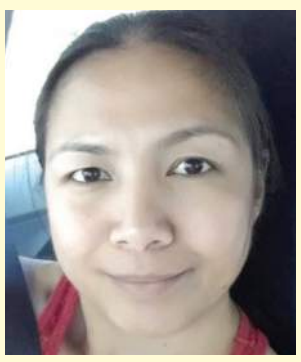

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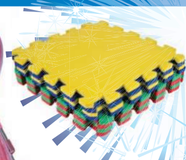

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SPC Andrew Delos Reyes of Task Force Guam receives his award in recognition of his services.

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) receives his Task Force Guam Eagle Award.

Freedom Salute ceremony honors 16 CNMI soldiers

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

Sixteen CNMI soldiers who returned from deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom were honored in a Freedom Salute ceremony at the Pedro P. Tenori Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe yesterday morning.

The Guam Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment sent close to 600 Guam and the CNMI soldiers to Afghanistan in a "historic mission" from March to December 2013.

The soldiers were Tiffany Santos, Ivan Igitol, Andreau Reyes, Elbert Espayos, Ken Mojica, Christopher Del Rosario, Andrew Delos Reyes, Delorina Rabauliman, Danangelo Bicera, Nathaniel Mateo, Hainey Borja, Rita Taitano, Josh Ejercito, John Umbay, Brittney Igitol, and Joey Togawa.

According to CW2 Bernard Aguon of the Guam Army National Guard, the Freedom Salute ceremony allows the community to honor the soldiers for their service and acknowledge the people who supported them and their service for the CNMI.

According to Lt. Col. Michael A. Tougher III, commander for Task Force Guam, it was an honor for him to be part of the ceremony.

Tougher said that 16 of "our sons and daughters have been deployed to a country so far away to fight for our country and a lot of them struggled to understand."

"We recognized the potential that some of us might not return and a new reality of the daily threats to our lives," he added.

According to Tougher, the mission of the 16 CNMI soldiers was to conduct security missions across all six international security systems throughout Afghanistan.

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos is presented with a large photo by officials and members of Task Force Guam.

Tougher said that Task Force Guam was the largest national guard element at that time of the mission and conducted over 16,500 separate missions.

Other keynote speakers at yesterday's event were Lt. Col. Romeo J. Delfin, commander, 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment, and Maj. Gen. Benny M. Paulino, Adjutant General for the Guam National Guard, who also thanked the soldiers for their service.

The Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve, represented by Guam and CNMI ESGR chair David Sablan, also presented awards, called "My Boss is a Patriot," to some of the employers of these 16 soldiers.

The awardees included Delta Management's James Arenovski and Ephrem Gangin, who were both nominated by SPC Rita Taitano; IT&E CNMI Fedora Camacho, nominated by SPC Nathaniel Mateo; Marianas Eye Institute's Dr. David Khorram and Russ Quinn; and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther Muña.

Another award was presented to Gov. Eloy S. Inos called the "Center of Influence" award for standing out as the most helpful to the soldiers during their mobilization.

Other "Center of Influence" awardees are the 18th Commonwealth Legislature, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), Marie Igitol, Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan, CNMI Veterans Affairs Office director Vicente Camacho, and Dave Sablan of Tan Holdings.

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Sgt. Trey Cunningham of the 721st Army National Guard Band sings a tribute to the soldiers and their families.

➤ Sen. Jovita Taimañao receives the Task Force Guam Eagle Award on behalf of the Legislature.

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Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan receives a Task Force Guam Eagle award as a "Center of Influence."

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Office of Veterans Affairs director Vicente Camacho receives a Task Force Guam Eagle award as a "Center of Influence."

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Tan Holdings corporate consultant Dave Sablan Sr. receives a Task Force Guam Eagle award as a "Center of Influence."

Nation

In dry California, water fetching record prices

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Throughout California's desperately dry Central Valley, those with water to spare are cashing in.

As a third parched summer forces farmers to fallow fields and lay off workers, two water districts and a pair of landowners in the heart of the state's farmland are making millions of dollars by auctioning off their private caches.

Nearly 40 others also are seeking to sell their surplus water this year, according to state and federal records.

Economists say it's been decades since the water market has been this hot. In the last five years alone, the price has grown tenfold to as much as $2,200 an acre-foot—enough to cover a football field with a foot of water.

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In this May 1, 2014 file photo, fourth-generation rice farmer Josh Sheppard walks across the dried-up ditch at his rice farm in Richvale, Calif.

Unlike the previous drought in 2009, the state has been hands-off, letting the market set the price even though severe shortages prompted a statewide drought emergency declaration this year.

The price spike comes after repeated calls from scientists that global warming will worsen droughts and increase the cost of maintaining California's strained water supply systems.

Some water economists have called for more regulations to keep aquifers from being depleted and ensure the market is not subject to manipulation such as that seen in the energy crisis of summer 2001, when the state was besieged by rolling blackouts.

"If you have a really scarce natural resource that the state's economy depends on, it would be nice to have it run efficiently and transparently," said Richard Howitt, professor emeritus at the University of California, Davis.

Private water sales are becoming more common in states that have been hit by drought, including Texas and Colorado.

In California, the sellers include those who hold claims on water that date back a century, private firms who are extracting groundwater and landowners who stored water when it was plentiful in underground caverns known as water banks.

"This year the market is unbelievable," said Thomas Grecie, the general manager of the Madera Irrigation District, which recently made nearly $7 million from selling about 3,200 acre-feet. "And this is a way to pay our bills."

All of the district's water went to farms; the city of Santa Barbara, which has its own water shortages, was outbid.

The prices are so high in some rural pockets that water auctions have become a spectacle.

One agricultural water district amid the almond orchards and derrick fields northwest of Bakersfield recently announced it would sell off extra water it acquired through a more than century-old right to use flows from the Kern River.

Local TV crews and journalists flocked to the district's office in February to watch as manager Maurice Etchechury unveiled bids enclosed in about 50 sealed envelopes before the cameras.

"Now everyone's mad at me saying I increased the price of water. I didn't do it, the weather did it," said Etchechury, who manages the Buena Vista Water Storage District, which netted about $13.5 million from the auction of 12,000 acre-feet of water.

Buses with migrant families rerouted amid protest

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Homeland Security buses carrying migrant children and families were rerouted Tuesday to a facility in San Diego after American flag-waving protesters blocked the group from reaching a suburban processing center.

The standoff in Murrieta came after Mayor Alan Long urged residents to complain to elected officials about the plan to transfer the Central American migrants to California to ease overcrowding of facilities along the Texas-Mexico border.

Many protesters held U.S. flags, while others held signs reading "stop illegal immigration," and "illegals out!"

"We can't start taking care of others if we can't take care of our own," protester Nancy Greyson, 60, of Murrieta, told the Desert Sun newspaper.

Many of the immigrants were detained while fleeing violence and extortion from gangs in Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras.

After the buses were blocked, federal authorities rerouted the vehicles to a freeway and then to a customs and border facility in San Diego within view of the Mexico border.

The three buses were trailed by a half-dozen news crews during the two-hour trip. People near the San Diego facility were surprised by the caravan.

Juan Silva, 27, a welder in Chula Vista, said he thought officials were transporting drug traffickers. Then he heard the buses were carrying migrant families.

"I don't think people in that town should be against little kids," he said about the protesters in Murrieta. "We're not talking about rapists. We're talking about human beings. How would they feel if it was their kids?"

After the migrants are processed, Immigration and Customs Enforcement will decide who can be released while awaiting deportation proceedings.

Earlier in the day, a chartered plane landed in San Diego with 136 migrants on board, according to a federal Department of Homeland Security official who was not authorized to be named when speaking on the issue.

It was the first flight planned for California under the federal government's effort to ease the crunch in the Rio Grande Valley and deal with the flood of Central American children and families fleeing to the United States.

The government is also planning to fly migrants to Texas cities and another site in California, and it has already taken some migrants to Arizona.

Mom kills self, 2 daughters with nitrogen gas

EAST GREENBUSH, N.Y. (AP)—A mother despondent over her son's suicide killed her two young daughters and herself early Tuesday using suffocating nitrogen gas at their home, about a week after a stay in a mental institution, authorities said.

East Greenbush Police Chief Christopher Lavin said a 911 call at about 1:45 a.m. sent police to the town house in the Albany suburb of East Greenbush, where they found the mom and girls, ages 6 and 9, unconscious from exposure to the odorless gas in a first-floor bedroom.

Rescuers had to break down the door to the locked room and tried CPR for a half hour before the three were taken to Albany Medical Center, where they died.

The mother, 47-year-old Angela Mtambu, was recently released from a Pennsylvania mental institution after being overcome with grief when her 23-year-old son asphyxiated himself in the same home in April, authorities said.

"I just think she couldn't take it," the woman's brother, Bernard Pamberi, told reporters outside the home as he fought back tears.

Police said the father of the girls, Callidora and Eudora Thurston, has been notified.

Angela Mtambu was a traveling nurse who was working in Houston this spring when she decided to return to the home she has owned for 12 years. A Texas relative who was concerned that the distraught Mtambu might be planning to kill herself and her daughters notified authorities in East Greenbush, and an Amber Alert was issued June 1.

Mtambu was taken into protective custody in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and local social services took custody of the two girls, Lavin said.

Mtambu was kept nearly three weeks for psychiatric observation before being allowed to reunite with her daughters and no order of protection was issued.

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Asia

HK police arrest 511 after democracy rally

HONG KONG (AP)—Hong Kong police arrested more than 500 people who refused to leave a street in the city's financial district Wednesday, a day after tens of thousands of people joined a massive march to push for democracy, free from China's interference.

The march is an annual affair to mark the anniversary of the day China took over Hong Kong from Britain on June 1, 1997 with the promise to give the city a high degree of autonomy for 50 years. But there is growing unease among its residents—especially the youth - that the Western-style civil liberties they've know all their lives are being eroded as the freewheeling capitalist enclave comes under Beijing's hard-line communist rule.

The fears are only going to be heightened following the pre-dawn crackdown by the Hong Kong police, who normally do not have an antagonistic relationship with the people, unlike the security forces in mainland China.

Police said 511 people were arrested for unlawful assembly in the Central business district and preventing police from carrying out their duties. After warnings failed to dislodge the protesters, the police moved in and forcibly removed them. Some went willingly while others lay down on the street with arms locked, and had to be physically carried away one by one. The protesters had vowed to stay until 8 a.m., just before the height of rush hour began, but the police started moving in to evict them at about 3 a.m.

Those arrested were mostly students who had decided to occupy Chater Road after taking part in Tuesday's rally, which police said attracted 98,000 people at its peak. Organizers said 510,000 people turned out, the highest estimates in a decade. Hong Kong researchers put the number at between 154,000 and 172,000.

AP

Protesters are taken away by police officers after hundreds of protesters staged a peaceful sit-ins overnight on a street in the financial district in Hong Kong Wednesday, July 2, 2014, following a huge rally to show their support for democratic reform and oppose Beijing's desire to have the final say on candidates for the chief executive's job.

Japan's Cabinet eases post-WWII limits on military

TOKYO (AP)—Since Japan's defeat in World War II, its military has been shackled by restrictions imposed by a victorious U.S. and that, over time, a majority of Japanese adopted as their own. Now, the shackles are being loosened.

Japan's Cabinet on Tuesday approved a reinterpretation of the country's pacifist postwar constitution that will allow the military to help defend allies and others "in a close relationship" with Japan under what is known as "collective self-defense."

Previous governments have said the war-renouncing Article 9 of the constitution limited the use of force to defending Japan.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said the shift is needed to protect the lives of the Japanese people in an increasingly severe security environment. Japanese warships would be able to help protect U.S. ships that were defending Japan, he said.

"Peace is not something you expect to be given, but it's something that we must achieve on our own," he said in a televised news conference.

The issue has divided Japan, where many worry about China's growing military assertiveness but also support the anti-war clause of the constitution and fret about a possible slide toward the militarism that led to World War II.

About 2,000 people protested outside Abe's office, saying that any change to the constitution should be made through a public referendum, not simply a Cabinet reinterpretation.

"For 70 years, Japan has kept its peace with its constitution," said 67-year-old protester Toshio Ban. "What are we to do with that stupid man trying to trample over the precious constitution?"

The move drew sharp criticism from China, and a cautious reaction from South Korea, which was colonized by Japan from 1910 to 1945.

"Beijing opposes Japan's act of hyping the China threat," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei said at a daily briefing. The new policy "raises doubts about Japan's approach to peaceful development."

South Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman Noh Kwang-il said: "The South Korean government views it as a significant revision to the defense and security policy under the postwar peace constitution, and is paying a sharp attention to it."

N. Korea fires missiles ahead of Xi's Seoul visit

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea on Wednesday fired two short-range projectiles into waters off its east coast, South Korean officials said, on the eve of Chinese President Xi Jinping's talks in Seoul expected to focus on the North's nuclear weapons program.

The launches, the third in a week, were believed to be sending a message that the North is boosting its defenses and expressing its displeasure that Xi will become the first Chinese leader to visit rival South Korea before the North, analysts say.

The projectiles, with a range of 180 kilometers (110 miles), were fired from the eastern coastal city of Wonsan and harmlessly landed in the sea Wednesday morning, South Korean defense officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because of department rules.

The North also fired three short-range projectiles last Thursday and two short-range missiles again on Sunday, both into waters off the east coast, according to Seoul's Defense Ministry. The North's state media later said that leader Kim Jong Un had guided firing of missiles in a likely reference to those specific launches.

The launches sent a message that North Korea does not want anyone meddling in its building up nuclear and other defense capabilities, said Chang Yong Seok, a senior researcher at Seoul National University's Institute for Peace and Unification Studies. North Korea "must be feeling bad" about Xi's trip to South Korea, he said.

Xi and South Korean President Park Geun-hye were scheduled to hold their fifth meeting since Park took office in 2012. Xi has not yet met Kim since the young North Korean leader took power in 2011 following the death of his father, Kim Jong Il.

World

Militant urges Muslims to build Islamic state

BAGHDAD (AP)—The leader of the extremist group that has overrun parts of Iraq and Syria has called on Muslims around the world to flock to territories under his control to fight and build an Islamic state.

In a recording posted online Tuesday, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi declared he wants to turn the enclave his fighters have carved out in the heart of the Middle East into a magnet for militants. He also presented himself as the leader of Islam worldwide, urging Muslims everywhere to rise up against oppression.

The audio message came two days after al-Baghdadi's group, the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, unilaterally declared the establishment of an Islamic state, or caliphate, in the land it controls. It also proclaimed al-Baghdadi the caliph, and demanded that all Muslims around the world pledge allegiance to him.

His group's forceful seizure of territory and its grand pronouncement of a caliphate have transformed the Iraqi-born al-Baghdadi into one of the leading figures of the global jihadi movement, perhaps even eclipsing al-Qaida chief Ayman al-Zawahri.

The blitz across Iraq has pushed the death toll there to levels unseen since the worst sectarian bloodletting in 2006 during the U.S. occupation. The United Nations said Tuesday that more than 2,400 Iraqis were killed last month. That tally would make June the deadliest month in Iraq since at least April 2005, when The Associated Press began tracking casualty figures there.

After melting away in the initial onslaught, Iraq's military and security forces have regrouped and managed to stem the tide at the outskirts of Shiite-dominated regions. The country's political leaders, however, have been unable to bridge their differences to confront the militant threat, and failed again in parliament Tuesday.

In his 19-minute address, al-Baghdadi said the Islamic state was a land for all Muslims regardless of nationality, telling them it "will return your dignity, might, rights and leadership."

"It is a state where the Arab and non-Arab, the white man and black man, the easterner and westerner are all brothers," he said, trying to broaden his base beyond the Middle East. "Muslims, rush to your state. Yes, it is your state. Rush, because Syria is not for the Syrians, and Iraq is not for the Iraqis. The Earth is Allah's."

To help build that state, he appealed to those with practical skills—scholars, judges, doctors, engineers, former soldiers and people with administrative expertise—to "answer the dire need of the Muslims for them."

Pro-Russian rebels capture police HQ in Ukraine

DONETSK, Ukraine (AP)—The Interior Ministry headquarters in eastern Ukraine's largest city fell to pro-Russia separatists Tuesday after a five-hour gunbattle that erupted hours after the Ukrainian president ended a cease-fire.

The shaky cease-fire had given European leaders 10 days to search for a peaceful settlement, and its end raised the prospect that fighting could flare with new intensity in a conflict that has already killed more than 400 people since April.

In Tuesday's clashes, rebels fought for more ground, and badly trained and disorganized government troops seemed incapable of crushing the mutiny.

President Petro Poroshenko had called a unilateral cease-fire to try to persuade the rebels to lay down their weapons and hold peace talks. Some of the rebels signed onto the break in fighting as tentative negotiations began, but each side accused the other of repeated violations. When he ended the cease-fire, the president said the rebels were not serious about peace.

In Moscow, Russian President Vladimir Putin argued that substantive talks with representatives in eastern Ukraine had failed to start in earnest and that the cease-fire announced by Poroshenko amounted to an ultimatum to the rebels to disarm.

The Russian leader also denounced the Western threat of sanctions as blackmail, adding that Moscow wouldn't accept "ultimatums and mentor's tone."

Europe must not allow "any unconstitutional coups and interference into the domestic affairs of sovereign states" and should steer clear of "inciting radical and neo-Nazi forces" to avoid destabilization, Putin said.

Russia has cast February's ouster of Ukraine's former pro-Moscow president following massive protests as a coup conducted by radical nationalists and neo-Nazis.

In Donetsk, the capital of Ukraine's eastern industrial heartland, many streets were deserted, and gunfire filled the air Tuesday as rebels besieged the headquarters of the regional Interior Ministry. The rebels eventually captured the compound, leaving the body of a plainclothes police officer outside.

In Kiev, the interior minister said Ukrainian forces had repelled the rebel attack in Donetsk, but an AP journalist on the ground saw that clearly was not the case.

WORLD BRIEFS

Civilian group: 56 dead in Nigeria market blast

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP)—A car bomb in a marketplace in Maiduguri, the northeast Nigerian city that is the birthplace of Boko Haram extremism, killed at least 56 people on Tuesday, the leader of a civilian group that recovered the bodies said. Sadiq Abba Tijjani, leader of the Civilian Joint Task Force, told the Associated Press his group recovered at least 56 dead bodies at the blast site, mostly elderly women who sold peanuts and lemon juice at the market. Tijjani said they managed to identify 21 of the dead but the rest "were either burnt or damaged beyond recognition." Other witnesses also estimated the death toll to around 50. Some officials said only 17 people died in the explosion that ripped through the market early Tuesday, but officials regularly play down the death toll.

Sarkozy detained in French corruption probe

PARIS (AP)—Former French President Nicolas Sarkozy was in police custody Tuesday, apparently under questioning in an investigation linked to allegations that he took 50 million euros ($67 million) in illegal campaign funds from Libya's Moammar Gadhafi. But will the shocking detention and sordid case torpedo Sarkozy's chances at a presidential comeback? Maybe not. Sarkozy, a political survivor who's been touring the world with his pop singer wife, is still among the most popular politicians in France despite a pile of investigations that target him. The 59-year-old hasn't been convicted of anything and remains well-known on the international stage. And he may be his troubled conservative party's best chance to regain the presidency in 2017, after losing it to Socialist Francois Hollande in 2012.

Environment

May 2014 was Earth's warmest May on record

By DOYLE RICE
USA TODAY

Last month was the warmest May for the Earth on record, according to a climate report released Monday by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The heat was fueled by unusual warmth in the oceans, which make up more than 70 percent of the Earth's surface.

"The majority of the world experienced warmer-than-average monthly temperatures, with record warmth across eastern Kazakhstan, parts of Indonesia, and central and northwestern Australia," the report from NOAA's National Climatic Data Center noted. "Scattered sections across every major ocean basin were also record warm."

The combined average temperature over the entire globe in May 2014 was 59.93 degrees F, which was 1.33 degrees F above the 20th-century average, NOAA said.

The USA was warm in May, but far from a record. A report last week noted that May 2014 was the nation's 32nd warmest May on record.

Global temperature records go back to 1880.

It also marked the 351st consecutive month with a global temperature above the 20th-century average.

Last week, separate climate data sets from NASA and the Japan Meteorological Agency also found that May was the warmest on record.

For the spring 2014 season, defined as the months of March, April and May, it was the second warmest spring on record. For the year to date, it's been the fifth warmest on record, so far, the climate center reported.

El Niño, a warming of tropical Pacific Ocean water that affects climate and weather patterns around the world, was not present yet in May, the NCDC reported. However, the Climate Prediction Center estimates that there is about a 70% chance that El Niño conditions will develop during the summer of 2014 and an 80% chance it will develop during the fall and winter.

The two warmest years on record, 1998 and 2010, occurred during El Niños.

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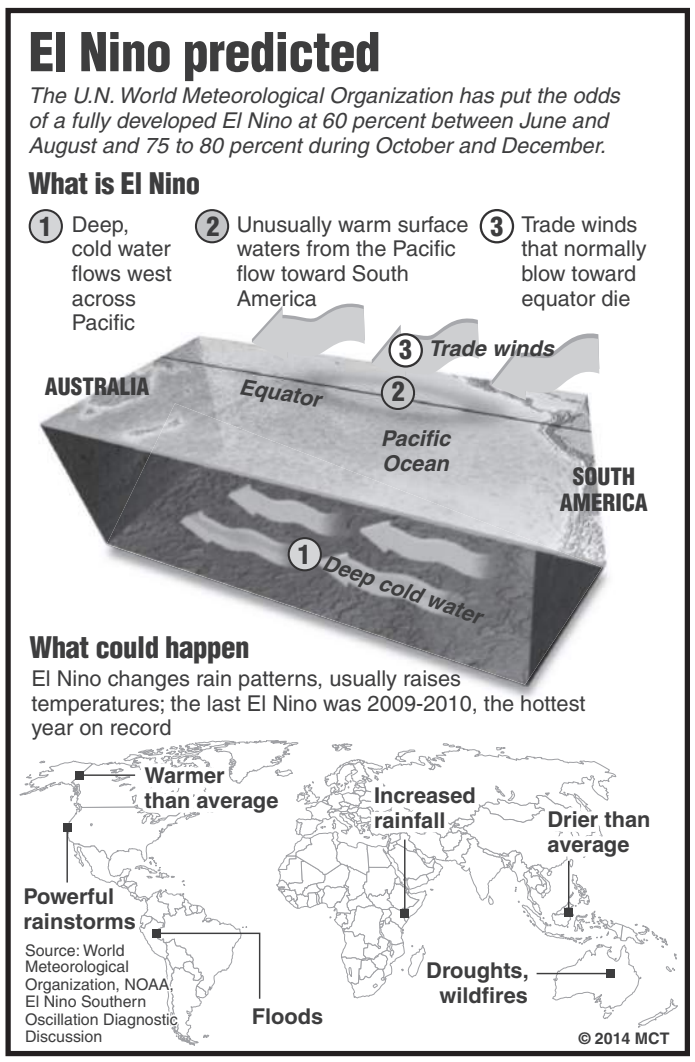
Tracy Blum of Roseville swims with her quarter horse, Gambler as they cool off in Folsom Lake on Monday, May 12, 2014, in Folsom, Calif. Last month was the warmest May for the Earth on record, according to a climate report released Monday by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.


El Nino predicted
The U.N. World Meteorological Organization has put the odds of a fully developed El Nino at 60 percent between June and August and 75 to 80 percent during October and December.
What is El Nino
1 Deep, cold water flows west across Pacific
2 Unusually warm surface waters from the Pacific flow toward South America
3 Trade winds that normally blow toward equator die
3 Trade winds
AUSTRALIA
Equator
2
Pacific Ocean
SOUTH AMERICA
1 Deep cold water
What could happen
El Nino changes rain patterns, usually raises temperatures; the last El Nino was 2009-2010, the hottest year on record
Warmer than average
Increased rainfall
Drier than average
Powerful rainstorms
Droughts, wildfires
Floods
Source: World Meteorological Organization, NOAA El Nino Southern Oscillation Diagnostic Discussion
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Ocean's nasty plastic garbage is disappearing: What's going on?

By DEBORAH NETBURN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Plastic seems to be disappearing from the world's oceans, and scientists are not sure why.

Exposure to waves and radiation from the sun can cause plastics to break down into micro-fragments, but scientists say those fragments are stable and durable enough to last for hundreds of thousands of years.

And yet, in a new study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, a team of researchers reports that 10,000 to 35,000 tons of plastic debris is floating on the surface of our oceans—significantly less than they expected to find.

After analyzing 3,070 samples of seawater from around the world, the researchers found that there has been no significant increase in the amount of plastic in the surface water of the world's oceans since the 1980s, even as the amount of plastic produced worldwide has more than quadrupled.

More plastic in the world almost certainly means more plastic in our oceans. But if the buoyant plastic is not floating on the surface, where is it?

Members of the research team, lead by ecologist Andres Cozar of the University of Cadiz in Spain, don't claim to have the answer, but they do identify a few clues for future science detectives to follow up on.

For example, they found far fewer fragments of plastic debris 5 millimeters and smaller than their computer models predicted. That led them to conclude that it is probably the smallest pieces of plastic that are making their way deeper into the water.

The authors say mesopelagic fish, which live in the hazy twilight zone 660 to 3,300 feet beneath the ocean's surface, may be mistaking these bits of plastic for zooplankton of the same size. Perhaps the fish are gobbling them up at night when they come to the surface to feed, and then bringing the plastic back down to the deeper ocean where they spend most of their lives.

Over time, the plastic may sink deeper when excreted or when the fish dies.

The researchers also note that recent studies have shown bacterial populations growing on plastic micro-fragments, weighing them down and causing them to sink.

But these are just a few possible answers to the missing plastic question, and the authors note that there are probably others.

Angelicque White, an ocean ecologist at Oregon State University who was not involved with the study warned that it is very hard to get a rock solid reading on what might be going on with plastics and our oceans.

"Plastic is widely distributed throughout all ocean basins, but the concentrations are really patchy from spot to spot and hot spots are driven by ocean circulation," she said in an email.

She added that we still have a lot to learn about how plastic functions in the ocean. "Microbes thrive on plastic; plastic is habitat; plastic is eaten by organisms," she wrote. "It is not clear at all if this is always harmful or if most of the ingested plastic is passed."

Dianna Parker, a spokeswoman for NOAA's Marine Debris Program, said studies like this one can help inform her group's future work.

"Every study we see that comes out gets us a little closer to the answers on the marine debris problem," she said. "It is such a new problem, so studies like this help us figure out where to focus our efforts."

In Loving Memory of

Lorenza A. Sokau

Lovingly known as "Enza" or "Sie"
September 26, 1943 - June 18, 2014

In Her New Life She Now Joins Her:
Husband: †Yamamoto L. Sokau

Her warm spirit and memories will forever live in the hearts of her:
Children, Grandchildren, and Great-grandchildren
Larry & Marilyn Sokau and Children and Grandchildren
Johnny & Mariana Sokau and Children and Grandchildren
Eleni & Simon Kaainoa and Children and Grandchildren
Samson Sokau and Children
Marilyn & †Tojo Aldan and Children
McGarrette & Georgia Sokau and Children
Jackie & Myron Sablan and Children
Tracy & Keski Kashi and Children

She is also survived by numerous Great Friends, Cousins, Nieces, Nephews, Aunts & Uncles.

On Saturday, July 5, 2014 her remains will depart from CHC at 7:00 a.m. to the Sokau's Residence in San Antonio for viewing. Lunch will be served.

At 1:30 pm, her remains will leave the Sokau's Residence to Grace Christian Assembly, Navy Hill for final viewing & service followed by burial at Tanapag Cemetery.

Your prayers, thoughts and presence are sincerely appreciated.
Thank You, Mesulang & Si Yu'us Ma'ase

The Sokau Family

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:6-7

Life & Style

Publicist: Shia LaBeouf treated for alcoholism

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A publicist says Shia LaBeouf is being treated for alcoholism.

Melissa Kates said Tuesday the 28-year-old actor has not checked into a rehab facility but is receiving voluntary treatment for alcohol addiction.

Kates said in a statement that LaBeouf's recent actions—which include an arrest for disrupting a Broadway play—are symptoms of a larger health problem.

She said he has taken the first of many necessary steps toward recovery.

LaBeouf was charged with disorderly conduct, criminal trespass and harassment during a production of "Cabaret" last week.

The actor was arrested for drunken driving in 2008 after he crashed his pickup truck, injuring his hand and knee.

LaBeouf is best known for appearing in the first three "Transformers" films.

AP

Actor Shia LaBeouf leaves Midtown Community Court after being arrested the previous day for yelling obscenities at the Broadway show "Cabaret," Friday, June 27, 2014, in New York.

A return to (old) 'Breaking Bad' for AMC

NEW YORK (AP)—No new episodes of "Breaking Bad"? No problem for the AMC network.

AMC said Tuesday that it will fill its Sunday night schedule for nearly two months with reruns of the popular series that starred Bryan Cranston, which aired its last original episode last September. Every episode will be shown during the network's "Breaking Bad Binge."

Episodes will air from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. every Sunday night, from Aug. 10 through Oct. 5.

AMC will add some extras, including interviews with cast and crew members prior to each episode.

Jennifer Love Hewitt joining CBS "Criminal Minds"

NEW YORK (AP)—CBS says Jennifer Love Hewitt is joining the cast of "Criminal Minds" this fall.

Hewitt

She will play Kate Callahan, a seasoned undercover agent whose superior work at the FBI has earned her a place in the Behavioral Analysis Unit.

Hewitt is returning to series TV after five seasons starring on CBS' "Ghost Whisperer," which aired from 2005 to 2010. Before that, she was in the ensemble of the Fox drama "Party of Five." Her films include "I Know What You Did Last Summer" and its sequel.

CBS says her "Criminal Minds" character will be introduced in the series' 10th season premiere, set to air Oct. 1.

The "Criminal Minds" cast also includes Joe Mantegna, Thomas Gibson, Shemar Moore and A.J. Cook.

Artist Emin's messy bed sells for $4.4 million

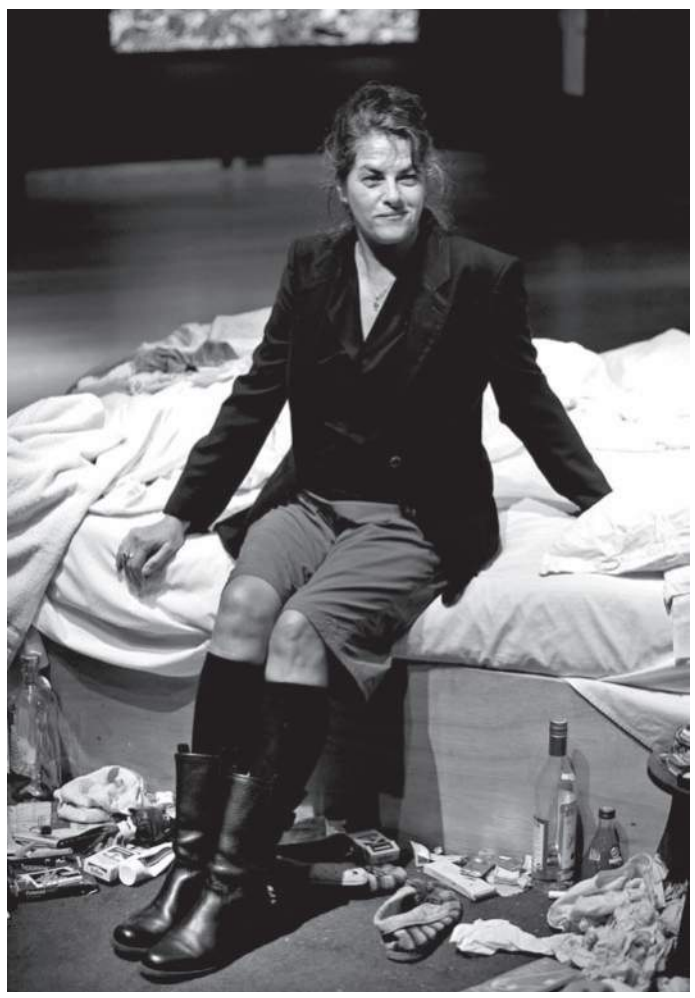
LONDON (AP)—Artist Tracey Emin has sold her bed—and the disheveled sheets, empty vodka bottles, cigarette butts and discarded condoms were part of the lucrative deal.

Emin's artwork "My Bed" sold for 2.54 million pounds ($4.4 million) at a London auction Tuesday, more than double the pre-sale estimate and four times the previous record for the artist.

Emin, who has mined her tumultuous personal life for some of her best-known works, attended the auction and grinned when the hammer came down.

The work was sold by collector Charles Saatchi, an early supporter of Emin and other modern British artists.

Christie's auction house did not identify the buyer. But its head of contemporary art, Francis Outred, hinted it was an institution, saying the bed would end up "somewhere important."



AP

British artist Tracey Emin poses for photographers next to her 1998 artpiece, entitled 'My Bed' at an auction house exhibition space in central London, Friday, June 27, 2014.

Robin Williams pursues ongoing 12-step treatment

AP

In this July 29, 2013 file photo, actor Robin Williams participates in the "The Crazy Ones" panel at the 2013 CBS Summer TCA Press Tour at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Robin Williams is reconnecting with the 12-step program during a brief stay at a Minnesota facility.

A spokeswoman for the 62-year-old actor-comedian says Williams planned the visit as a respite to recharge after more than 18 straight months of work.

Publicist Mara Buxbaum said Williams is "taking the opportunity to fine-tune and focus on his continued commitment, of which he remains extremely proud."

Williams has been open about the challenges of maintaining sobriety. He sought treatment in 2006 when he relapsed and returned to drinking after 20 years.

Williams stars in the CBS series "The Crazy Ones" and the film "The Angriest Man in Brooklyn," which was released in May. He has several other projects in the works, including another installment of "Night at the Museum."

Homophobic brother changes his tune when daughter comes out

DEAR ABBY: I am a gay man who has had a difficult, distant relationship with my only brother, "Bill." He has made many nasty, homophobic remarks, and my partner, "Jon," has been excluded from many family gatherings. Because Jon wasn't welcomed I also did not attend those gatherings, and I endured further wrath because I didn't.

Bill's daughter has just announced that she is a lesbian. His reaction is mystifying. He has embraced her and her partner and has lovingly included them into the heart of the family.

I am happy that my niece has found love and support. I am also jealous that she has a better father than I did a brother. Are my feelings justified?

SAD SIBLING IN VIRGINIA

DEAR SAD SIBLING: Of course your feelings are justified. You are human, and your skin isn't made of Teflon. It's sad that your brother couldn't have treated you and Jon with more compassion and understanding.

I find it interesting how people's perspective can radically change when a child of theirs is involved. Now let's see if your brother's attitude toward you changes, and how forgiving you and your partner can be if it does.

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DEAR ABBY: I bought a friend a gift recently. Her response? "You should have just given me the money because I really need it." A few years ago, I was going to buy another friend an expensive pair of shoes and she convinced me not to because she said she could buy 10 pairs from a discount store for the amount I was planning to spend.

I love giving gifts during the holidays and for birthdays, and enjoy choosing things I think my friends might like or need. I hate giving money! Isn't part of the gift-giving experience for the giver, too?

I feel it should be my choice to buy whatever I want for someone, and their response should just be, "Thank you." It irks me when people dictate to me what I should give them. Am I just being a control freak, or do I have the wrong idea of gift-giving?

GIFT GIVER IN TEXAS

DEAR GIFT GIVER: A thoughtful gift giver selects things the recipient can use and enjoy. A grateful recipient doesn't look a gift horse in the mouth and say she'd prefer the cash.

However, the woman who convinced you not to spend hundreds of dollars on a pair of designer shoes she might not be able to return was, I think, doing both of you a favor. While it's your prerogative to give whatever you want to whomever you want, don't you think it makes more sense to bestow something the person can use and enjoy than to satisfy your ego?

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DEAR ABBY: Can you settle a dispute for me? When you go up to a house with two doors—a regular door and a screen door—and there is no doorbell, is it proper to open the first door and knock on the second door or is it considered rude?

KNOCK, KNOCK

DEAR KNOCK, KNOCK: Because in the absence of a doorbell the only way you can make your presence known would be to knock, open the screen door and knock. Then step back and close the screen door so you're not intruding on the space of the person who answers it.

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Pastimes

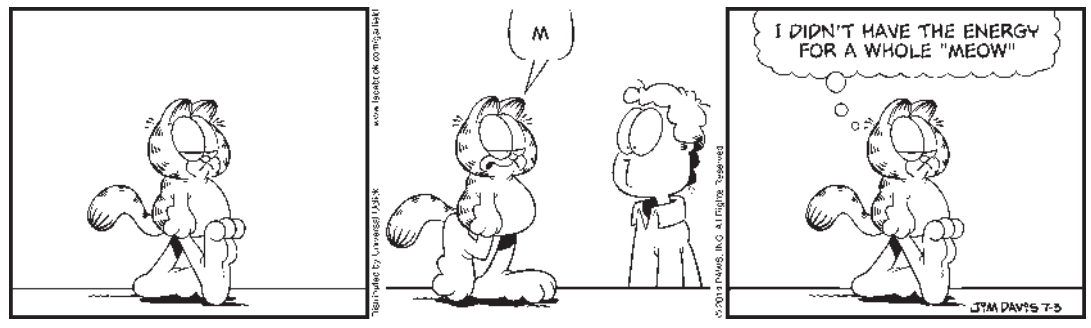
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

HELLO?
HI DAD!
CALVIN, IS THIS IMPORTANT?
OOPS. WAIT. FORGET I CALLED YOU "DAD", OK? THIS ISN'T CALVIN.
CALVIN, I'VE GOT WORK TO DO. I'LL SEE YOU WHEN I GET HOME, OK? GOODBYE.
WAIT! DO YOU HAVE ANY CRIMES TO REPORT?
PHOOEY. THIS SECRET IDENTITY STUFF IS HARD TO GET USED TO.

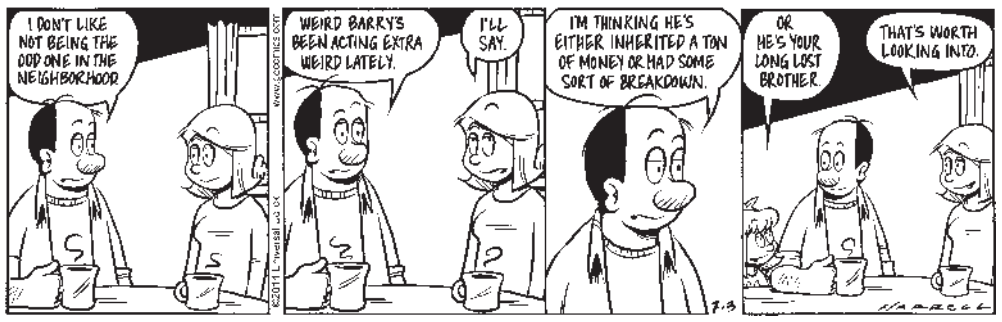
Garfield®

By Jim Davis



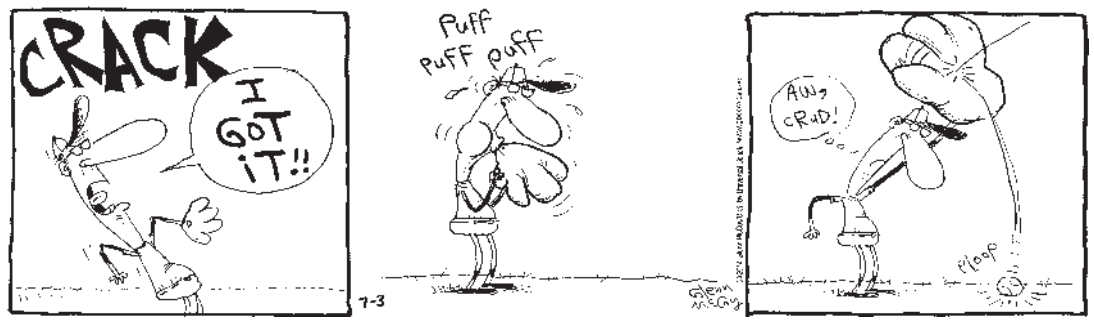
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


I DON'T LIKE NOT BEING THE ODD ONE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
WEIRD BARRY'S BEEN ACTING EXTRA WEIRD LATELY.
I'LL SAY.
I'M THINKING HE'S EITHER INHERITED A TON OF MONEY OR HAD SOME SORT OF BREAKDOWN.
OR HE'S YOUR LONG LOST BROTHER.
THAT'S WORTH LOOKING INTO.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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4 Canned lunch-meat
8 Take to the seas
12 Shock partner
13 New Rochelle college
14 Church section
15 Obama or Clinton
17 Thaw
18 Sitcom planet
19 Photo-copies
21 Desolate
24 Mil. group
25 Sapporo sash
26 Corn spike
28 Tin star
32 Judy's daughter
34 Unruly bunch
36 Depend (on)
37 Yorkshire city
39 Go up and down
41 Curly's brother
42 Crooner Damone
44 Acknowl-edges
46 Papa-razzi's gear
50 Lubricate
51 Actor Sharif
52 Loss of a stripe
56 Parisian pals
57 "Zounds!"
58 Seek damages
59 Source of wealth
60 Theater trophy
61 Stashed

DOWN
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6 Have — to grind
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8 Tea urn
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20 Cage compo-nent
21 Lounge
22 60-Across' cousin
23 Thanks-giving veggie
27 Plagiarize
29 Raze
30 Radiate
31 Spud's buds
33 Unfavor-able
35 Feathery neckwear
38 Round Table address
40 Sangui-nary
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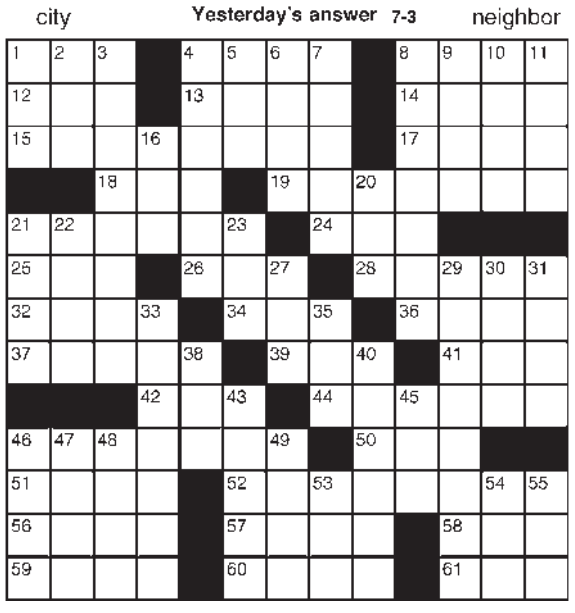

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Olivia Munn, 34; Kevin Hart, 34; Tom Cruise, 52; Montel Williams, 58.

Happy Birthday: Look inward and discover what you are happy with in your life and what you feel you are missing. Once you have a clear-cut picture of your current situation, you will be able to make plans that will lead to a brighter and better future. Don't get angry about the past when you should be taking physical action to improve your future. Your numbers are 7, 12, 22, 24, 31, 35, 48.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Don't let a power struggle daunt you. Step up and use your intellect and quick wit to mastermind your way through any opposition you face. Take control to avoid being controlled. Love is highlighted. Don't let a past love cause uncertainty. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Stretch your imagination when it comes to creative endeavors. Stabilize your domestic situation with diplomacy and compromise. Share your feelings, but don't give in to emotional blackmail. Arguing will be a waste of valuable time. ✪✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Listen, but don't believe everything you hear. Check instructions carefully. Someone may be trying to make you look bad. Change can be good, but it has to be for the right reason. Don't jump impulsively from one situation to another. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Your personal secrets will be divulged if you share them with others. Focus on home, family and making your place as accommodating and comfortable as possible. Don't let a romantic problem escalate. Bide your time and observe. Refrain from making assumptions. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Keep your money in a safe place. Don't feel the need to make a donation. Your generosity will be your downfall. Put your money, energy and effort into home improvements love and romance. Charity begins at home. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Don't take on any added responsibility. You will have enough to deal with and want to do your very best to avoid criticism. Work should take top priority along with avoiding any miscommunications with colleagues. Don't make impulsive purchases or donations. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Your work will be scrutinized, so do the best job possible. Problems at home will occur if someone is pushy. Don't argue when you can walk away from a no-win situation. Focus on self-improvement, not on trying to change others. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Take an interest in different cultures, lifestyles or philosophies. Your ability to size matters up and take action will be impressive. Your persuasive nature will allow you to influence others and bring about positive change. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Don't expect to get a pat on the back for the job you do. Do the best you can and walk away. Make plans to socialize or to do something that will help ease your stress or help you relax. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Keep life simple and stick to what you know and do best. Controversy will lead to additional challenges that you can do without. Don't argue with anyone who can influence your life personally, professionally, legally or financially. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Make personal improvement alterations that will help build your confidence. Look for a better position or consider starting a small home-based business. If you are careful and invest wisely, you shouldn't have to worry about finances. Romance is in the stars. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Accept the inevitable. The outcome will be in your favor, so don't get all worked up over nothing. Now is not the time to cause a scene. Look at your options and expand your interests where it will be most beneficial for you. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are intelligent and emotional. You are unpredictable and a go-getter.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

			2	9		5		
		2				7		
5	8						1	
			7		5			6
1				2				4
3			1		9			
	2						4	7
		3				9		
		1		6	4			

Difficulty Level ★★★ 7/03

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

9	4	2	6	7	1	8	5	3
3	5	7	9	4	8	6	2	1
6	1	8	5	2	3	4	7	9
1	7	3	8	6	2	9	4	5
5	8	6	1	9	4	2	3	7
4	2	9	3	5	7	1	8	6
7	9	4	2	3	6	5	1	8
2	6	1	7	8	5	3	9	4
8	3	5	4	1	9	7	6	2

Difficulty Level ★★★ 7/02

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

MAYA ANGELOU (1928-2014) **Solution: 8 letters**

C	H	P	L	A	Y	S	Y	R	T	E	O	P	Y	S
L	S	O	B	U	S	I	N	E	S	S	L	A	E	F
O	I	R	S	R	E	T	S	I	S	L	C	I	L	E
U	W	G	D	E	L	T	A	T	I	U	H	A	I	I
D	O	Y	M	C	I	M	C	B	I	P	C	N	A	N
S	B	A	Ⓑ	I	T	V	O	A	A	K	N	I	B	A
E	N	W	Ⓔ	G	S	V	O	R	B	A	S	E	R	U
L	I	A	Ⓢ	A	C	S	G	M	N	A	I	R	E	G
C	A	K	Ⓢ	M	I	O	C	J	O	I	R	N	W	U
O	R	O	K	U	I	G	U	A	O	T	N	E	S	R
H	O	O	O	B	S	T	R	R	L	H	H	G	T	A
P	H	L	O	H	A	R	P	O	A	Y	N	E	E	T
O	T	T	B	S	Y	A	S	S	E	G	P	S	R	I
S	U	E	F	U	D	L	U	A	P	G	E	S	O	O
A	A	T	R	E	B	O	R	C	L	I	N	T	O	N

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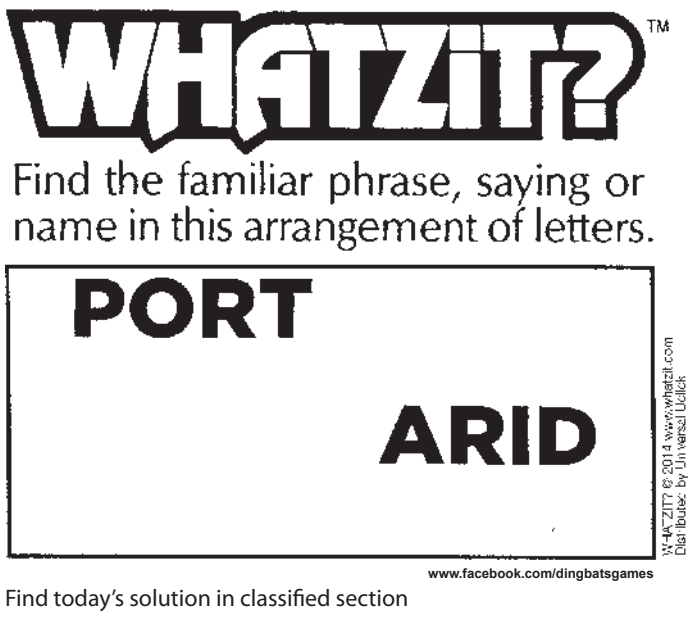

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JOB VANCANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

1 – LPG EQUIPMENT/TANKER MECHANIC
Salary: Minimum/Negotiable, Full time
- Applicant must have a minimum of 5 preferably more years experience specifically dealing with LPG with demonstrable experience in the administering of LPG equipment installations and their subsequent maintenance.
- Repairing and maintaining of LPG Tanker Trucks, LPG pumps and metering system.
- must have experience with dangerous good regulations and familiarization in hazard class 1075 & 49 CFR (Hazard Materials and Dagerous Goods).
- must have the knowledge in safety practices and hazmat security procedures.
- Safety training to Hazardous Material transportation is required.
- Commercial Driver's Health Certificate is required.
- Excellent communication skills both verbal and written especially when it come to inventory and reporting.
- Must possess a current and valid CNMI driver's license and not be disqualified to drive a motor vehicle.

1 – LPG TANK TRUCK DRIVER
Salary: Minimum/Negotiable, Full time
- Must have 5 years experience as LPG Tank Truck Driver
- Knowledge to load and/or unload LPG at filling rack and read gauges or meters.
- Must know to operate LPG Truck (MC-331) in accordance to established safety procedures.
- Must be a trained Hazmat Tank truck driver
- Safety training certificate is required in Hazardous Material Transportation and have knowledge in Hazard Class 1075 & 49 CFR (Hazard Materials/Dangerous Goods).
- Commercial Drivers Health Certificate is required
- Must possess a current and valid CNMI driver's license and not be disqualified to drive a motor vehicle.

1 – LPG MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN
Salary: Minimum/Negotiable, Full time
- Must have 5 years experience in the relevant field
- Ability to perform LPG equipment installation.
- Monitor the loading and/or unloading of LPG from isotainer to LPG storage tank with safety procedures.
- Training certificate is required in Hazardous Material Transportation
- Familiarization in Hazard Class 1075 & 49 CFR (Hazard Materials/Dangerous Goods)
- Commercial Drivers Health Certificate is required
- Must possess a current and valid CNMI driver's license and not be disqualified to drive a motor vehicle.

1 – BOOKKEEPER/ACCOUNTANT
Salary: Minimum/Negotiable, Full time
- Applicant must have 5 years work related experience in accounting.
- Must have knowledge in LPG Petroleum business activities.
- Must have a good communication and multitasking skills, organizational, self-motivation, responsibility, and able to manage deadlines.
- Must have knowledge in Peachtree software, Microsoft Excel, and Microsoft Word operations.

Mail your complete application or resume' to:
Wushin Corporation, PO Box 500440, Saipan, MP 96950
Closing date: July 11, 2014

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

2 – PROJECT ENGINEER TECH
Applicant must possess college diploma with (8) years minimum experience in this field. Must be responsible for managing, supervising, coordinating, performing and executing engineering and construction duties in planning, designing and maintenance of building structures and facilities including but not limited to buildings, power, plants, detention facilities, roads, drainage, airport buildings and infrastructure. Must also responsible in keeping the project on budget.

1 – ACCOUNTANT
Applicant must possess college diploma with at least (8) years minimum experience. Responsibilities include preparation, examination or analysis of accounting records, financial statements, or other financial reports to assess accuracy, completeness, and conformance to reporting and procedural standards. Develop and implement document recordkeeping and accounting systems. Prepare payrolls, compute taxes owed and prepare tax returns, ensuring compliance with payment, reporting or other tax requirements.

1 – WELDER
Must have skills in welding metal components together in flat, vertical or overhead position to form, repair and fabricate metal products, cracked or broken component using arc and gas welding. Must have ability to read lay outs and blue prints, and follow work orders. Operate safety equipment and use safe work habits. At least (4) years minimum related experience in a construction and heavy equipments.

1 – HEAVY EQUIPMENT MECHANIC
Applicant must perform a full range of maintenance, repair and service activities on heavy equipment including but not limited to heavy duty trucks, excavators, graders, cranes, backhoes/loaders, tractors, bulldozers. Must have knowledge in overhauling and troubleshooting of heavy equipment and must have the ability to request and order parts. At least (4) years minimum experience.

1 – AUTO ELECTRICIAN
High school diploma with minimum (4) years work related experience. Must be able to diagnose and identify electrical problems using test instrument. Ability to analyze, troubleshoot and install electronic or programmable controllers, motor starters. Rewind electric motors transformers and generators. Knowledge on preventive maintenance system

Interested qualified applicants submit complete application or resume and latest police clearance via e-mail at saipan@aiconstruction.com or mail to AIC Marianas, Inc.
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Closing date: 7/04/2014

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Cook (Korean/Japanese cuisine): $5.55/hr. Must be proficient in Korean or Japanese cuisine. At least 2 years' professional experience required. Email resume to chinayanbian@hanmisaipan.com.

1 - Operations Manager (Tour): 5 years experience in tour agency management required. Korean speaking and writing fluency required.

2 - Tour Guide: High school diploma and 3 years' experience required. Korean speaking and writing fluency required.

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EMPLOYMENT

1 - Front Office Clerk/Customer Service Rep.: Speaking and writing fluency in Korean language required.

1 - Admin. Assistant/Waiter/Waitress: Bachelor's degree and at least 1 year's experience required.

1 - Housekeeping Cleaner: At least 3 years' experience as housekeeping cleaner in hotel environment required.

1 - Cook: At least 3 years' professional cooking experience required. Email resume to o2scuba@hanmisaipan.com.

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HEALTH PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION

(01) Healthcare Clinic System Manager
- A minimum of two to four years of work-related skill, knowledge, or experience.
- Bachelor's Degree or equivalent
- Maintains specialized computer programs relating to health care operations (medical billing, patient records, scheduler)
- Maintain all of company's computer systems to include computer hardware, computer software, and computer network and advance server skills.
- Oversees medical billing department utilizing specialized computer software.
- Oversees administrative areas and designs, develops and maintains a paperless computer system.
- Building maintenance repair, electronic record and prescription with meaningful use in compliance with Medicare and Medicaid standards.
- Performs such other duties as may be assigned.

(02) Clinic/Yard Maintenance
- Preferred skills and experience
- Building construction/renovation experience
- Must be experience in solar maintenance PV models
- Must be flexible with time schedule
- Must have a valid driver's license

(01) Ultrasound/X-Ray Technician
- Must be over five years experience in electronic health and practice partner records.
- Experience/knowledge with practice partner software in electronic health records usage.
- Must be a bachelor of science in Radiologic Technology.
- Licensed by the Medical Profession Licensing Board, CNMI
- At least five years or more experience or related field

(02) Registered Nurse
- Must pass NCLEX with current CNMI RN licensing
- At least two to five years experience
- Must hold a degree of Bachelor of Science in nursing
- English language skills-proficient in spoken, written and comprehension
- Certification in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation

Interested applicants must submit resume or pick up an application at Saipan Health Clinic located at Chalan Kiya, Saipan. Deadline to submit an application will be on 07/25/2014 at 4:00p.m. For more information, please call Judy Arriola at (670) 234-2903 ext. 124.

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  $5.55.00 to $6.05 per hour
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Minimum of 5 years experience.
Fax resume to **234-9796**

JOB VANCANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

1 – DIESEL TANK TRUCK DRIVER

Salary: Minimum/Negotiable, Full time

- Knowledge to operate a Commercial Motor Vehicle that transporting hazardous material (petroleum diesel).
- Knowledge to load/unload petroleum diesel at filling rack
- Knowledge to read tank truck gauges or meters
- Must know to transport hazardous materials (petroleum diesel) and must know how to respond in case of spillage and emergency.
- Safety training is required to Hazardous material transportation
- Familiarization in hazard class 1075 & 49 CFR (Hazard Masterials/Dangerous Goods)
- Must be a certified Hazmat Tank truck driver
- Must have not less than 5 years experience as a Hazmat Tank Truck Driver
- Commercial Driver's Health Certificate is required.
- Must possess a current and valid CNMI driver's license and not be disqualified to drive a motor vehicle.

1 – BOOKKEEPER/ACCOUNTANT

Salary: Minimum/Negotiable, Full time

- Bachelors degree in Accounting with 5 years work related experience in financial transactions.
- Familiar with Petroleum business activities
- Must have a good communication and multitasking skills, organizational, self-motivation, responsibility, and able to manage deadlines
- Knowledge in Peachtree software, Microsoft Excel, and Microsoft Word operations

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP NO.: RFP14-BECQ-120

SUBMISSION: JULY 29, 2014 TIME: 2:00 P.M.

"INSTALLATION OF A TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR OFFICE TELECOMMUNICATION OPERATION FOR THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY"

THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE AVAILABLE O NOR AFTER **JUNE 26, 2014** AT THE BECQ OFFICE LOCATED AT THE GUALO RAI CENTER BUILDING, ON CHALAN PALE ARNOLD ROAD, SAIPAN OR ELECTRONICALLY BY E-MAIL REQUEST TO christiaanwallace@deq.gov.mp DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR **JULY 16, 2014 AT 9:00 A.M.** IN THE 2ND FLOOR DEQ CONFERENCE ROOM (RM.205). **QUESTIONS** REGARDING THIS RFP MAY BE SUBMITTED BY FACSIMILE TO MR. CHRISTIAN WALLACE, BECQ NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR AT (670) 664-8540 OR BY E-MAIL TO christiaanwallace@deq.gov.mp NO LATER THAN THE **CLOSE OF BUSINESS, JULY 18, 2014.** RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS SHALL BE SHARED WITH ALL PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS.

THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A PROPOSAL IF IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. ALL BIDS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ FRANK M. RABAULIMAN
ADMINISTRATOR, BECQ

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Job Vacancy No. 14-036
Opening Date: Wednesday, July 02, 2014
Closing Date: Wednesday, July 16, 2014

Utility Support Technician

REVISED

DUTIES: Under the overall supervision of the Division Manager or his/her designee, the incumbent's duties and responsibilities are as follows. Answering all incoming calls for the corporation and transferring calls accordingly to respective offices within the corporation, including satellite offices; Assisting customers by providing general corporate information, such as rate schedules, job vacancy announcements, basic procurement information, contacts and website information, etc.; Assisting customers with basic account and simple billing inquires. Documents the communication with the customer by entering contact notes in the billing system; Responding to customers inquiries regarding service interruptions (outages) and other public notice or information; Processing trouble call work orders and communicating with field crew/staff to ensure that the trouble call is responded to. Communicates and updates the customer on the progress or resolution of the trouble call; Preparing daily activity reports; Communicating with the supervisor calls relating to emergencies or threats immediately and on pending or unresolved customer issues within a reasonable time period; and Performs other duties of a similar nature or level.

LOCATION : ADMINISTRATION, **SAIPAN**.
POSITIONS : Six (6).
SALARY : $15,139.00 per annum.
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: High School Diploma, or G.E.D., and one to two years work experience. Preferred (but not required): Experience in the hospitality industry, direct customer service, utility, dispatch or call center experience. Knowledge of: Supervisory principles; Basic bookkeeping principles; Office procedures, methods, and equipment; Keyboarding techniques; Basic mathematical concepts; Customer service principles; Banking procedures. Skill in: Monitoring and evaluating staff; Prioritizing and assigning work to staff; Providing customer service; Paying attention to detail in order to find errors; Performing basic mathematical calculations; Maintaining records; Keyboarding; Using standard office equipment; Tabulating, recording, and balancing transactions; Preparing routine reports; Using a computer and related software applications; Communication, interpersonal and writing skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. APPLICANTS MAY BE TESTED & ARE SUBJECT TO PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG SCREENING.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Job Vacancy No. 14-037
Opening Date: Wednesday, July 02, 2014
Closing Date: Wednesday, July 16, 2014

Utility Support Supervisor

REVISED

DUTIES: Under the overall supervision of the division manager or his/her designee, the incumbents duties and responsibilities are as follows: Supervising the staff and operations of the Call Center including performing exceptionally all the functions of a receptionist; Tracking statistics and preparing reports for management; Analyzing problems and providing information/solutions; Handling of customer issues requiring supervisory attention; Preparing call scripts to guide receptionists for specific types of calls; Preparing employee reference materials and updating materials as needed; Training staff on corporate regulations, policies, procedures, phone and billing system, phone and customer service etiquette, rate schedules, etc.; Preparing work schedules of the staff; Evaluating staff performance and recommending disciplinary actions as warranted; Preparing and submitting Call Center requisitions to managers; ensuring that department goals and expectations are satisfied; And performs other duties of a similar nature or level.

LOCATION: ADMINISTRATION, **SAIPAN**.
SALARY: $21,104.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: One (1)
CONTRACT: Not contracted.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Associate's Degree and two years of billing or direct customer service experience, and two years in a supervisory capacity; or a high school diploma or GED and five years of billing or direct customer service experience, and a minimum of two years in a supervisory capacity. Knowledge of: Supervisory principles; Administrative Procedures; Customer service principles and other applicable laws, rules, regulations; Computers; Microsoft Windows; Microsoft Office; Basic mathematics; Telephone etiquette; Office policies and procedures. Skills in: Monitoring and evaluating staff; Prioritizing and assigning work to staff; Providing customer service; Applying Federal, State, and/or Local Laws, rules, and regulations; Performing mathematical calculations; Applying accounting/financial principles; Recording analyzing, verifying, reconciling, and reporting of transactions; Operating a 10-key machine; Preparing and analyzing reports; Using a computer and related software applications; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. APPLICANTS MAY BE TESTED & ARE SUBJECT TO PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG SCREENING.

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The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Judiciary is seeking a highly motivated individual for the position of:

DEPUTY CLERK I
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DUTIES: This position is under the general supervision of the Presiding Judge and the direct supervision of the Clerk of Court or his/her designee. The employee performs work in accordance with established policies, practices, and court procedures. The following are required duties:

- Receives, reviews, and records documents filed for hearings;
- Provides data entry of pleadings onto the court's case management system;
- Provides daily updates of pleadings and other caseload information for the assigned judge through the court's automated processes, including, but not limited to, the document imaging and online filing system;
- Assesses fines, receives and accounts for monies, issues receipts, prepares deposit slips and provides disbursements per court order or requests from customer service window;
- Prepares and maintains physical and electronic file folders for court cases, including tracking of all pleadings associated with individual cases files;
- Serves as a courtroom clerk when court hearings are in session, including, but not limited to, swearing in of witnesses, logging of all admitted exhibits, tracking all phases of a hearing on an index sheet for the recording counter, operating the electronic recording equipment, and providing continuous monitoring of the recording equipment to ensure the integrity of the record; and,
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Nadal, Sharapova lose; Serena leaves with illness

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Nick Kyrgios of Australia celebrates after winning the third set against Rafael Nadal of Spain during their men's singles match on Centre Court at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Tuesday, July 1, 2014.

LONDON (AP)—Rafael Nadal ran out of comebacks at Wimbledon, losing to a brash, big-serving, between-the-legs-hitting 19-year-old kid who might just be a future star.

Maria Sharapova, somehow, seemed on the verge of a turnaround despite a flurry of unforced errors, saving six match points before finally succumbing on the seventh with—what else?—a missed shot.

And in the most striking sight of a memorable day of departures by past Wimbledon champions, Serena Williams couldn't get the ball over the net in a doubles match with her sister Venus, stopping after three games because of what was called a viral illness.

All in all, Tuesday was chock-full of significant events, and the most noteworthy winner had to be 144th-ranked Nick Kyrgios of Australia, who used 37 aces and a have-no-fear approach to beat Nadal 7-6 (5), 5-7, 7-6 (5), 6-3 for a quarterfinal berth.

"I was in a bit of a zone out there," said Kyrgios, the lowest-ranked player to beat the No. 1 man at any Grand Slam tournament in 22 years.

"You've got to believe you can win the match from the very start, and I definitely thought that," the 6-foot-4 (1.93-meter) Kyrgios said. "I'm playing some unbelievable tennis on the grass."

That's for sure.

Playing in only his fifth major tournament—he got into the field thanks to a wild-card invitation—Kyrgios (pronounced KEER-ee-os) is the first man to reach the quarterfinals in his Wimbledon debut in 10 years. He's also the first teenager to defeat the top-ranked man at a Slam since Nadal was 19 when he beat Roger Federer at the 2005 French Open.

"We keep saying, `Who's the next guy?' And I think we may have found him," seven-time major champion John McEnroe said on the BBC broadcast.

Nadal dropped the first set in each of his previous three matches before coming back to win. When he took the second set Tuesday, though, Kyrgios stayed steady.

"Kyrgios is young; he has nothing to lose," said Nadal's uncle and coach, Toni "It's like when Boris Becker won here. He was 17 and had a very good serve. He could beat everyone because of his serve. It's the same with Kyrgios. He plays aggressively and without any doubts."

For Nadal, who won Wimbledon in 2008 and 2010, it was yet another early exit at the grass-court tournament against a much-lower-ranked opponent. In 2012, he lost in the second round against No. 100 Lukas Rosol. Last year, he was beaten in the first round by No. 135 Steve Darcis. Neither of those players is considered an up-and-coming contender like Kyrgios is, but the common thread among the trio was going for broke.

"The thing is, (on) this surface, when you have an opponent that decides to serve and to hit every ball very strong, you are in trouble," Nadal said.

Kyrgios, who saved nine match points while beating 13th-seeded Richard Gasquet in the second round, showed zero hint of nerves. Indeed, he soaked up all the attention and adoration offered by the Centre Court crowd, particularly after an audacious trick shot: Facing the net at the baseline, he whipped his racket around his back and casually flicked a shot that sailed between his legs and over the net for a winner.

He joked about reading that his mother said she didn't think he could beat Nadal.

"It actually made me a bit angry," Kyrgios said, then noted: "I'll just text her a smiley face."

On Wednesday, he faces No. 8 Milos Raonic of Canada, another man never before this far at Wimbledon. The other men's quarterfinals: seven-time Wimbledon champion Roger Federer against good friend and Australian Open champion Stan Wawrinka in an all-Swiss matchup; defending champion Andy Murray against No. 11 Grigor Dimitrov; and 2011 champion Novak Djokovic against No. 26 Marin Cilic.

The women's quarterfinals Wednesday: No. 3 Simona Halep against 2013 runner-up Sabine Lisicki, and No. 9 Angelique Kerber against No. 13 Eugenie Bouchard. The semifinal on the other side of the draw was established Tuesday: 2011 champion Petra Kvitova against No. 23 Lucie Safarova.

Kerber edged Sharapova 7-6 (4), 4-6, 6-4 Tuesday. Sharapova made 49 unforced errors, 38 more than Kerber. Still, the 2004 champion saved one match point at 5-2 in the final set, then five more at 5-4, before pushing a backhand long to end it.

"I felt like I worked too hard within the match to let it go the easy way. So I did everything I could in the end to try to save those," Sharapova said. "I did, but I didn't save the last one."

Chicago Bulls make hard pitch to Carmelo Anthony

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CHICAGO (AP)—The Chicago Bulls made the hard sell for Carmelo Anthony and brought their stars along for the presentation on Tuesday.

That included Derrick Rose, no fan of recruiting. Joakim Noah and Taj Gibson were there, too, trying to convince the New York Knicks' free agent to choose the Bulls.

Anthony arrived at a decked-out United Center in the afternoon with agent Leon Rose and coach Tom Thibodeau, a police SUV trailing their oversized limousine.

He walked past the Michael Jordan statue, waving to a small group of cheering fans as he went inside, where he spent much of the afternoon before getting a look at the soon-to-open practice facility across the street.

The Bulls believe they have a strong pitch and a simple selling point: Anthony can transform a playoff team into a championship contender.

They believe uniting Anthony with Rose and Joakim Noah would put them in position to contend for their first title since Jordan and Scottie Pippen led the way to two three-peats in the 1990s. And they certainly made their feelings clear on Tuesday, turning the arena into one big welcome mat.

Two giant digital images above the entrance on Madison Street showed Anthony in a Bulls No. 7 jersey dribbling next to a championship trophy, fans stopping to take pictures. Another image around the corner also showed him in a jersey dribbling.

Signs wrapping around corners of the building and stacked on top of each other read, "Carmelo Anthony and Chicago basketball" and "Melo" with a cropped Bulls logo.

Anthony, a top target in NBA free agency, is expected to visit other teams.

If he signed elsewhere, it would probably bring back memories for Bulls fans of failed attempts to woo stars.

"It should work out," said James Babbitt of Chicago, who stopped to take pictures of the images above the entrance on Madison. "He can go anywhere and win now—or maybe later. But if he comes here, he can win now and later."

The Bulls tried to reel in Tracy McGrady under Jerry Krause in 2000, with mascot Benny the Bull and the Luvabulls dancers greeting him at the airport, only to lose out to the Orlando Magic.

In 2010, Chicago had enough salary-cap room to land two stars and went after LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh.

When those three wound up joining forces in Miami, the Bulls turned to Carlos Boozer—now a candidate to be amnestied—and added depth. They went on to win 62 games on the way to the Eastern Conference finals, with Rose capturing the MVP award.

A year later, their championship hopes got derailed in the playoff opener against Philadelphia when Rose tore the ACL in his left knee. He sat out the following season, and his comeback got cut short when he tore the meniscus in his right knee in November.

With two season-ending injuries, Rose is one big question mark. He has played in just 49 games the past three seasons, and it remains to be seen if he can approach his dominant form. If he does and Anthony lands in Chicago, the Bulls would be a strong contender in the East.

The fact that Rose and Gibson were involved in Tuesday's presentation was notable for several reasons.

Gibson's presence was a strong indication that the Bulls intend to keep him rather than trade him to make room for Anthony.

Rose's participation might quiet critics who have blasted his aversion to recruiting. The point guard's stance stems from his reserved personality, his loyalty to his teammates and his belief that he can play with anyone—and beat anyone.

NBA BRIEFS

Cavs make a splash with max deal for Kyrie

Dogged by rumors that he has wanted out of Cleveland, Irving and Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert tweeted Tuesday morning that they have agreed to terms on a new five-year contract extension. Neither side announced the terms of the deal, but several outlets reported that it was a maximum deal worth about $90 million that will keep him in Cleveland for the next six years. "Looking forward to the next 6 years of (at)KyrieIrving in CLE," Gilbert tweeted not long after the free agent market opened at midnight on Tuesday. "Just shook hands (and) intend to sign on the 10th. Can't be more excited about (at)cavs." The deal cannot officially be signed until July 10, per NBA rules. But it was a huge step forward for the Cavaliers and for Irving, and the first big splash of the new NBA fiscal year. While most eyes were fixated on what LeBron James will do as an unrestricted free agent, Gilbert and a contingent of Cavaliers brass, including new head coach David Blatt, immediately set their sights on Irving, the No. 1 overall pick in 2011 who has been equal parts sensational and frustrating in his first three seasons in the league. ***(AP)***

Source: Gortat gets 5 years, $60M from Wizards

WASHINGTON (AP)—Center Marcin Gortat agreed to a $60 million, five-year contract Tuesday to remain with the Washington Wizards, according to a person familiar with the deal, a major step in the team's quest to keep the roster intact as much as reasonably possible following the end of a playoff drought. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal can't be signed until July 10 under NBA free agency rules. Gortat follows coach Randy Wittman, who was given a contract extension last month, and backup point guard Andre Miller, whose contract was guaranteed for another season on Saturday, as the third piece in team president Ernie Grunfeld's quest to retain the key contributors who took Washington to the postseason for the first time since 2008.

Porcello gets another shutout, Tigers beat A's, 3-0

DETROIT (AP)—Rick Porcello allowed just four hits for his second straight shutout, leading the Detroit Tigers to a 3-0 victory over the Oakland A's on Tuesday.

Porcello (11-4) only had one career complete game before blanking the Rangers on June 26, but is now the first Tigers pitcher since Jack Morris to throw back-to-back shutouts. Morris threw three in a row in July 1986.

Porcello is 3-0 with 24 scoreless innings over his last three outings. He also became the first pitcher since Baltimore's Jeff Ballard on Aug. 21, 1989, to throw a shutout without a walk or strikeout. No Tigers pitcher had done it since Dizzy Trout in 1944.

Torii Hunter had an RBI grounder in the fourth inning and J.D. Martinez hit a two-run homer in the sixth.

Brad Mills (1-1) took the loss for Oakland, allowing three runs and six hits with three walks in six-plus innings.

AP

Detroit Tigers pitcher Rick Porcello delivers against the Oakland Athletics during the second inning of a baseball game Tuesday, July 1, 2014, in Detroit.

Giants 5, Cardinals 0

In Sab Francisco, Tim Lincecum followed his second career no-hitter with another vintage performance, pitching eight sharp innings to lead San Francisco to the shutout.

Lincecum (7-5) allowed four hits, struck out six and walked two. He worked out of a bases-loaded jam with no outs in the fourth and stayed out of trouble the rest of the way, helping San Francisco snap a four-game losing streak since his latest gem against San Diego.

Pablo Sandoval hit his 100th career homer to cap a three-run fourth, and the Giants scored twice in the fifth to chase Marco Gonzales (0-1) in the left-hander's second career start.

Gonzales gave up five runs and seven hits in 4 1-3 innings. St. Louis has lost three straight and four of five.

Rays 2, Yankees 1

In New York, David Price came within one pitch of extending his remarkable strikeout streak in leading resurgent Tampa Bay past New York.

James Loney hit a go-ahead home run in the sixth inning and the Rays matched their longest win string of the season. Derek Jeter tied Lou Gehrig's team record for doubles as the Yankees equaled their worst skid this year with their fourth loss in a row.

Price (7-7) struck out nine — he fanned at least 10 in each of his previous five starts, and was trying to join Pedro Martinez, Randy Johnson and Nolan Ryan as the only pitchers to accomplish the feat six straight times.

Nationals 7, Rockies 1

In Washington, Stephen Strasburg bounced back from his worst outing of the season with 7 2-3 dominant innings, and Jayson Werth had two doubles and three RBIs in Washington's fourth straight win.

Anthony Rendon added a two-run double for the Nationals.

Strasburg (7-6) tied his career high by allowing seven earned runs in 4 2-3 innings in his last start, and was 0-2 with a 7.27 ERA over his last three.

Tuesday night he struck out eight and walked one while giving up one run. The Rockies didn't get a runner past second until DJ LeMahieu's homer in the eighth.

He was lifted after walking Corey Dickerson with his 111th pitch of the night.

Christian Friedrich (0-3) allowed five runs in 3 1-3 innings for Colorado, which has lost 13 of 15.

Padres 8, Reds 2

In San Diego, Seth Smith hit a home run and scored three runs and Carlos Quentin homered and drove in three runs to lead San Diego.

Smith had three hits as the Padres finished with a season-high 16 one night after managing just one hit in a 1-0 win over the Reds.

Ian Kennedy (6-9) pitched six strong innings, giving up one run and seven hits with a walk and three strikeouts to get his first win in nearly a month.

Quentin's two-run homer in the four-run, seventh inning was the key blow when the Padres extended their lead to 7-1.

Mike Leake (6-7) allowed three runs and 11 hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Angels 8, White Sox 4, 1st game; Angels 7, White Sox 5, 2nd game

In Chicago, Kole Calhoun homered and scored twice in the late game to help Los Angeles complete a doubleheader sweep of Chicago.

Howie Kendrick added two hits and scored two runs as the Angels won their second straight and moved to within 3 1/2 games of first-place Oakland in the AL West.

The Angels beat the White Sox 8-4 in the opener of a twin-bill quickly arranged after Monday's game was rained out and are 5-0 against Chicago this season.

Jered Weaver (9-6) worked 5 2-3 innings for the win, allowing nine hits while striking out six. Chicago starter Scott Carroll (2-5) took the loss after pitching six-plus innings and giving up seven runs on 10 hits.

In the early game, Albert Pujols hit his 509th home run, Mike Trout connected for a three-run drive and Garrett Richards (9-2) allowed two hits in eight innings.

Pujols' solo shot, his 17th homer of the season, came off starter Hector Noesi (2-6) and put the Angels ahead in a four-run fifth. Trout's homer tied the score earlier in the inning.

Jose Abreu hit his 26th home run in the first to give Chicago a 3-0 cushion.

Marlins 5, Phillies 4, 11 innings

In Miami, Ed Lucas' single scored the winning run from second base with one out in the 11th inning, ending Miami's four-game losing streak and sending Philadelphia to its fifth straight loss.

The Marlins won their ninth consecutive game when Henderson Alvarez starts, matching the longest such streak with a pitcher in franchise history. Alvarez allowed two runs in seven innings.

Pinch hitter Jeff Baker singled to start the 11th inning against Justin De Fratus (2-1), advanced on a sacrifice and scored without a play on Lucas' opposite-field hit.

The Phillies overcame a 4-2 deficit in the eighth with back-to-back two-out homers by Marlon Byrd and Cody Asche off Kevin Gregg.

Bryan Morris (6-0) pitched two innings for the win.

The Marlins' Giancarlo Stanton singled home a run to increase his RBI total to 61, which leads the NL.

Orioles 8, Rangers 3

In Baltimore, Nelson Cruz hit his 26th home run, and Steve Pearce and Caleb Joseph also went deep against rookie Nick Martinez to help Baltimore breeze past skidding Texas.

Pearce and Cruz delivered solo shots in the first inning and Joseph connected with a man on in the second. It was the third homer in two nights for Pearce, and Cruz hit his third in seven games on his 34th birthday.

Signed as a free agent to a one-year contract, Cruz is closing in on his career high of 33 home runs with Texas in 2009. He is already one homer short of matching his total last year with the Rangers, a season cut short by a 50-game suspension as part of the Biogenesis performance-enhancing drug scandal.

Indians 10, Dodgers 3

In Los Angeles, Cleveland turned an unorthodox triple play that required two replay reviews, and David Murphy broke out of a 1-for-44 slump with three hits against Los Angeles.

Lonnie Chisenhall hit an early two-run homer off Josh Beckett (5-5). Murphy, Nick Swisher and Yan Gomes also drove in two runs apiece for the Indians, who had been held to one hit in back-to-back shutout losses to the Mariners and Dodgers.

This was the Dodgers' seventh attempt at their first four-game winning streak of the season. Instead, they were knocked back into second place in the NL West one night after overtaking San Francisco.

Rookie left-hander Kyle Crockett (2-0) came on after Justin Masterson failed to get through the fourth inning with a 5-2 lead. All three of Crockett's outs came on the 7-2-4 triple play.

Adrian Gonzalez homered for Los Angeles.

Mariners 13, Astros 2

In Houston, Robinson Cano and Kyle Seager had three RBIs apiece, and James Jones added two as a seven-run sixth inning helped Seattle score a season high in runs.

Cano drove in two to give Seattle the lead in the first and hit the first of the five doubles in the sixth inning that tied a franchise mark and pushed the lead to 10-1.

Hisashi Iwakuma (6-4) went six innings, giving up a run on seven hits while striking out seven.

Jones' three hits included a triple. Seager doubled and hit a solo homer in the ninth as the Mariners also set a season-high with 18 hits.

Jarred Cosart (8-6) tied a season-high by allowing six runs on nine hits in 5 2-3 innings to end a four-game winning streak.

Pirates 3, Diamondbacks 2

In Pittsburgh, Starling Marte hit a two-run double to tie the game with one out in the ninth inning and then scored on pinch-hitter Ike Davis' single two batters later to propel Pittsburgh.

The Pirates were shut down for eight innings by Arizona starter Wade Miley before rallying in the ninth. Neil Walker and pinch-hitter Gregory Polanco started the inning with singles against Miley. One batter later, Marte hit a drive to the wall in center off closer Addison Reed (1-4).

Andrew McCutchen was intentionally walked and Davis singled to right, scoring Marte easily.

Ernesto Frieri (1-3) earned his first win with the Pirates after working a scoreless ninth.

Miley allowed four hits in eight-plus innings, striking out 10. He is winless since May 10.

Cubs 2, Red Sox 1

In Boston, Luis Valbuena broke a ninth-inning tie with a sacrifice fly that carried Chicago past Boston.

Anthony Rizzo started the inning with a single off Koji Uehara (3-2) and went to third on a double by Starlin Castro. Valbuena then lined a shot to medium right field. Mookie Betts made the catch, but his throw was off line and Rizzo scored easily.

The double was the 37th extra-base hit for Castro, who entered the game tied with Troy Tulowitzki of the Colorado Rockies for the major league lead among shortstops with 36.

Pedro Strop (1-3) pitched a perfect eighth and Hector Rondon worked the ninth for his 11th save in 13 chances.

Twins 10, Royals 2

In Minneapolis, Joe Mauer drove in two runs before leaving with an injury and Eduardo Nunez homered as Minnesota beat Kansas City.

Mauer extended his hitting streak to 12 games with a two-run double down the left-field line in the fourth inning, but was noticeably limping as he ran to second base. The team said he has a strained muscle on his right side and will be evaluated Wednesday.

Ricky Nolasco (5-6) earned his first win in five starts, allowing one run and eight hits in six innings.

Eric Hosmer had four hits for the Royals.

Braves 5, Mets 4

In Atlanta, Andrelton Simmons' two-run single sparked a three-run fourth that sent streaking Atlanta past Daisuke Matsuzaka and New York.

Curtis Granderson and Daniel Murphy hit two-run homers for the Mets, who have lost three straight and six of seven.

The Braves overcame a shaky start from Mike Minor to protect their half-game lead over Washington in the NL East. Atlanta has won six straight, its longest streak of the season.

Shae Simmons (1-0) took over for Minor in the fifth and pitched 1 2-3 scoreless innings. Craig Kimbrel earned his 26th save by striking out Eric Young Jr., Granderson and Bobby Abreu in the ninth.

Matsuzaka (3-3) allowed five runs on seven hits and three walks in five innings. He has lost three straight starts.

Blue Jays 4, Brewers 1

In Toronto, Jose Bautista and Colby Rasmus hit solo home runs, and Drew Hutchison struck out a career-high 10 to snap a two-start losing streak for Toronto.

The Blue Jays ended a three-game losing streak, one shy of their season high, and won for the third time in 14 meetings with Milwaukee.

The Brewers had their four-game road winning streak end as they lost away from home for just the third time in 13 games.

Starting for the first time since leaving a June 22 game at Cincinnati with a strained left hamstring, Bautista gave the Blue Jays an early lead with a two-out blast off the facing of the second deck in the first inning. The homer was his first since June 6 against St. Louis.

Junior golfer wins NMC Foundation Open tourney

A junior golfer lorded it over last Saturday's 2014 NMC Foundation Open Golf Tournament held at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

Thirteen-year-old Jun Suk Kim defeated 46 other golfers in the double-peoria competition after carding a net 70 on the west course of the Kagman golf facility. The 6-handicapper shot a 39 on the front nine and a 37 on the back for a gross 76, the fourth best in the field. The Saipan International School student's net 70 gave him a close win over veteran Eddie Peter, who recorded a net 70.2 built on a 41 and 40 on the front and back nines, respectively. The runner-up had a gross 81 and a handicap of 10.8.

Kim, Peter, and the No. 3 to 5 finishers in the weekend competition received prizes and certificates during the awards ceremony at The Range. Japanese Toshiku Mori, Rick Kautz, and the returning Joe "Kamizake" Camacho rounded out the Top 5.

Mori showed consistency in the one-day tournament with his identical 5-over par 37 on both nines with deducting his 3.5 handicap from his gross score of 74, he ended up with a third-best net 70. 4. Kautz, which had an 8.4 handicap, registered a net 71.6, as he fired 40s on both nines for a gross 80. Camacho, who won several tournaments on Saipan and represented the CNMI in off-island tournaments before leaving the island about seven years ago, nailed a 72.6. The 2.4-handicapper posted a 37 in the first nine holes and finished the last nine with a 38 for the third-best gross score of 75.

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Jun Suk Kim, first place in the 11th Annual NMC Foundation Open Golf Tournament, poses with NMC Foundation president Joe Santos, right, during the event's awards ceremony Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

J.J. Atalig missed the Top 5, but had the best gross score in the tournament with an impressive 1-over par 73. He tallied a 1-over par 37 on the front nine and had an even par 36 on the back and with his 0 handicap, he settled for a net 73 and sixth place.

Completing the Top 10 were Ray Villagomez (net 73.4), Hyun Son (73.5), Daniel Shen Kang (73.8), and Jeff Taylor (74). ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

Clippers sale hinges on legalities of family trust

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The $2 billion sale of the Los Angeles Clippers will hinge on the technicalities of family trust law and whether Donald Sterling's estranged wife had the right to unilaterally negotiate a deal with former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer.

The July 7 trial will look at the trust's terms alone and not focus on whether the 80-year-old Sterling is mentally incapacitated, Superior Court Judge Michael Levanas said Monday.

Attorneys will argue about whether Shelly Sterling properly followed the terms of the trust in declaring Donald Sterling to be mentally incapacitated and what happens to a deal that hasn't been closed once a trust is revoked.

Shelly Sterling struck a deal to sell the team to Ballmer in May after Donald Sterling's racist remarks to a girlfriend were publicized and the NBA moved to oust him as an owner.

She had two doctors examine her husband and they declared that he was mentally incapacitated and unable to act as an administrator of The Sterling Family Trust, which owns the Clippers. The terms of the trust say incapacitation can be determined by two licensed doctors without ties to the family who are specialists in their field.

In court filings, Donald Sterling's attorneys argued that he submitted to medical examination under false pretenses, there was undue influence in the doctors' findings, and that the examination and letters regarding his mental capacity were defective and incomplete.

"There was no duping," Shelly Sterling's attorney Pierce O'Donnell said Monday. Donald Sterling voluntarily went to Cedars Sinai Imaging Center to get scans of his brain and there was no requirement to remind Donald Sterling, who is an attorney, or his legal team of the trust's conditions, O'Donnell wrote in court filings.

The judge said another issue likely to be "front and center" during the trial is what happens to a deal that hasn't been closed when a trust is revoked. Donald Sterling revoked the trust on June 9—weeks after Shelly Sterling negotiated the deal with Ballmer.

Shelly Sterling's attorneys contend that finishing the deal is part of winding down the trust's affairs and that she has an obligation to close the deal or Ballmer will sue.

But Donald Sterling's attorneys argue that a revocation means probate court has no jurisdiction and that winding down affairs refers to passive actions, not a sale that markedly changes the assets in the trust and its value.

Timing has been an issue throughout the proceedings and the judge denied the request by Donald Sterling's attorneys to postpone the trial. An expedited timetable was put forward from the beginning because NBA owners must approve what would be a record breaking deal and are scheduled to meet July 15 to vote.

That's the same day Ballmer's offer is set to expire—and there is no deal without the judge's approval of the sale.

If the sale isn't completed by Sept. 15, the league said it could seize the team and put it up for auction.

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runs at the turn and could have added two more with runners on second and third had the last batter made it safely to first. The last batter at the top of the order made a bunt with the ball rolling past home plate and the India pitcher picking it up and throwing to first base.

With the CNMI scoring one run after another right at the top of the first inning, India used three different pitchers to neutralize the Commonwealth hitters. While the CNMI were on target in the first inning and its batters stepped up to the plate two times at the top of the first, India was done after only three batters at the bottom. India's leadoff batter went out on a 6-3 putout play, the second was struck out, and the third returned to the dugout off a 4-3 play.

Organizers then called it a game, awarding the CNMI a victory via mercy rule after only about 30 minutes of play. Saipan Little League Baseball president Tony Rogolifoi said that although standard rules allow a 10-run mercy rule by the end of the third inning in the Little League and fifth in the three other divisions, local organizers can set different rules.

Upset in Little League

Meanwhile, the CNMI Little League All-Stars are still in contention for a playoff berth in the division.

The CNMI improved to a 2-2 slate in the Little League category after stunning the then undefeated Hong Kong, 6-3. The CNMI is tied with Saudi Arabia and Dubai in third place, while Hong Kong remains on top with its 3-1 card, followed by Chinese-Taipei (2-1). The Top 2 teams in Pool A will advance to the semifinals and the CNMI could boost its playoff chances if it wins over Chinese-Taipei today.

In other results, the CNMI dropped its third game in the Big League division after bowing to Chinese-Taipei, 1-11. In the Junior League, the Commonwealth was hoping to gain its second win in three games and bounce back from a loss to Guam against the host Philippines yesterday.

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citations to Kim's long list of achievements in her sophomore year and without a doubt, she deserved the WGCA's nod.

Kim, in a message to *Saipan Tribune*, said she is sharing her latest award to family members, teammates, and mentors.

"I'd like to thank my coaches for helping me out this season. They went the extra mile to make sure we all are keeping up with our game. I'd also love to thank my brother, mom, and sister for all their support. This award keeps my mind straight and helps me stay motivated for the upcoming season," said Kim.

To prepare for the next season, Kim is joining various tournaments. She just finished competing in a three-round tournament in Roswell, Georgia and shot a 1-over par 73 in the opening round before logging an 8-over par 80 and 5-over par 7 in the last two rounds. According to Kim, the tournament featured legends Cindy Figg-Currier, Laura Davies, Rosie Jones, and Nancy Lopez.

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Cameroon's football federation said it would investigate after the team's integrity was questioned by a German magazine. Der Spiegel claimed convicted match-fixer Wilson Raj Perumal correctly predicted in online exchanges with a reporter that Cameroon would lose 4-0 to Croatia and a player would be sent off before halftime.

"Yes, I have been told about this but let them do their work on this investigation," FIFA President Sepp Blatter told reporters in Brazil on Tuesday.

Hours later, Perumal's biographers issued a statement on his behalf denying all allegations.

Howard's heroics in goal topped Messi in the doubleheader which closed second round.

After Messi scored in each of Argentina's three group matches, Switzerland almost made good on its promise to shut down the four-time FIFA player of the year.

The Swiss certainly had the best first-half chances in Sao Paulo, created by their own mini-Messi, the equally tiny, powerful and left-footed forward Xherdan Shaqiri.

First, Argentina goalkeeper Sergio Romero stretched his left foot to block Granit Xhaka's low shot, then stood up to gather a weak chipped shot by Josip Drmic.

"They had two clear chances and after that the match was ours," Argentina coach Alejandro Sabella said.

When Messi threatened, his scything volley skimmed over the Swiss crossbar and a low shot was parried by `keeper Diego Benaglio.

A shootout loomed until Messi broke free of pursuing Swiss defenders. He found Di Maria on the left side of the penalty box for a sweeping left-foot shot beyond Benaglio's dive.

Argentina was then shaken in stoppage time when a close-range header by substitute Blerim Dzemaili hit the base of Romero's right hand post. The rebound struck Dzemaili's knee and went wide.

In Salvador, Howard was the U.S. savior from the first minute in a match of steadily rising tension on a warm, stamina-sapping evening.

A sprawling block to deny Divock Origi opened a duel with the teenage Belgian forward throughout regulation time.

Origi hit the crossbar with a header in the 56th and drew saves from one-on-one chances in the 71st and 85th. Howard saved perhaps his best to keep out a Kevin Mirallas shot in the 76th.

In extra time, De Bruyne took advantage of chaos in the U.S. defense to slide a shot past Howard's dive. That chance was created by Lukaku's fresh burst of energy and the striker—Howard's teammate at Everton last season—powered in a second goal that seemed to seal the match.

Yet Green's goal lifted tired legs and Clint Dempsey almost leveled the match when a neat free-kick routine left him eight yards (meters) from goal. Belgium goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois smothered Dempsey's shot and sent the Americans out at the last-16 stage for the second straight World Cup.

Meanwhile in Rome, that goal from an Angel rewarded the faith of Pope Francis.

The first pope from Argentina is a noted football fan—even meeting Messi and FIFA President Sepp Blatter last year—and the Vatican embraced the spirit of a clash against a country which has for centuries provided the Pontifical Swiss Guard.

A cartoon posted on the Vatican's Twitter showed the pontiff wearing a blue and white Argentina scarf over his white cassock, watching on glumly as beer-swilling soldiers watch the match on television.

Switzerland's defeat ended the career of its veteran German coach, who promised to retire after the tournament.

Hitzfeld's farewell match kicked off hours after his 81-year-old brother, Winfried, died in a hospital in Basel, Switzerland.

"It was a great honor working for Switzerland," said Hitzfeld. "I'm therefore proud to say goodbye to Switzerland with heart full of emotions."

At age 35, Howard might have been playing for the last time at a World Cup, in his third tournament.

"It's heartbreaking," Howard said. "I don't think we could have given it more."

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	46	39	.541	—
Baltimore	44	39	.530	1
New York	41	41	.500	3½
Boston	38	46	.452	7½
Tampa Bay	37	49	.430	9½

Central Division

Detroit	46	34	.575	—
Kansas City	43	40	.518	4½
Cleveland	40	43	.482	7½
Minnesota	38	44	.463	9
Chicago	39	46	.459	9½

West Division

Oakland	51	32	.614	—
Los Angeles	47	35	.573	3½
Seattle	46	38	.548	5½
Texas	37	46	.446	14
Houston	36	49	.424	16

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	46	38	.548	—
Washington	45	38	.542	½
Miami	40	43	.482	5½
New York	37	47	.440	9
Philadelphia	36	47	.434	9½

Central Division

Milwaukee	51	34	.600	—
St. Louis	44	40	.524	6½
Cincinnati	43	40	.518	7
Pittsburgh	43	40	.518	7
Chicago	36	46	.439	13½

West Division

San Francisco	47	36	.566	—
Los Angeles	48	38	.558	½
San Diego	37	47	.440	10½
Colorado	36	48	.429	11½
Arizona	35	50	.412	13

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NMC holds 2014 Foundation Open Golf tourney

The Northern Marianas College Foundation held its 11th Annual Foundation Open Golf Tournament last Saturday, June 28, 2014, on the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort. Many golfers participated in the event, which also featured cash and other prizes that were generously donated by various companies and organizations. Proceeds from the tournament and cash donations will benefit NMC's educational programs and services. ***(NMC)***

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Golfers getting their carts ready before the start of the 11th Annual NMC Foundation Open Golf Tournament.

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A group of women golfers who participated in NMC's Golf Tournament last Saturday take time for a quick photo.

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Toshiyuki Mori (second from right) poses alongside the NMC Foundation president, Joe Santos (far right), as he receives his prize for third place. Also in the photo are Ben Babauta (far left) and NMC acting president, Frankie Eliptico (second from left).

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Eddie Peter (second from right) receives his second place prize from the NMC Foundation president, Joe Santos (far right). Also in the photo are Ben Babauta (far left) and NMC acting president Frankie Eliptico (second from left).

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James Nelson, Docomo Pacific general manager, at the NMC Foundation Tournament.

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Jun Suk Kim (second from right) is all smiles as he receives his first place prize and poses with NMC Foundation president, Joe Santos (far right). Also in the photo are Ben Babauta (far left) and NMC acting president Frankie Eliptico (second from left).

J.J. Atalig smiles as he drives off at the start of the tournament.

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Golfers pose for a photo during NMC's 11th Annual Foundation Open Golf Tournament.

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CNMI Senior All-Stars secure finals seat

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Members of the CNMI Senior All-Stars huddle during their game against Indonesia in the opener of the World Series qualifier last Sunday in the Philippines.

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The CNMI clinched a finals berth in the Senior League division of the 2014 Little League Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament after hammering India, 12-0, yesterday at the Clark Freeport Zone in Zambales, Philippines.

The CNMI Senior All-Stars won their fourth game in as many matches to remain on top of the six-team field and are assured of the spot to Saturday's finale regardless of the results of their last elimination round game against New Zealand (1-2) today. Guam (3-1) is likely to join the CNMI in the title match that will award a World Series ticket to the champion, as the former won over the Philippines yesterday, 4-3, and is favored to prevail in its last game against Indonesia (1-2).

After laboring a 5-4, 11-inning win versus Guam last Tuesday, the Commonwealth this time cruised past the hapless Indian squad after only one complete inning. The CNMI's top of the order batted twice at the top of the first inning with seven of its nine batters in their first at-bat reaching home plate.

The Patrick Tenorio-managed team racked up five more

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Messi stays, Howard goes home from World Cup

By GRAHAM DUNBAR
AP SPORTS WRITER

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)— The World Cup still has Lionel Messi. Tim Howard is heading home despite a heroic display of goalkeeping.

A moment of Messi inspiration helped lift an unconvincing Argentina to a 1-0 win over Switzerland after extra time in the Round of 16 on Tuesday, creating the goal scored by Angel Di Maria in the 118th minute.

Howard's stunning shot-stopping performance could not stop the Americans falling to a 2-1 extra-time loss against favored Belgium that had a pulsating finale.

The veteran `keeper repelled most of Belgium's 27 shots on target but was finally beaten by Kevin De Bruyne in the 93rd and substitute Romelu Lukaku in the 105th.

"He had an absolutely amazing match tonight and you just have to give him the biggest compliments in the world," U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann said.

Teenager Julian Green's 107th-minute goal sparked concerted American pressure but they could not find a leveler to force a penalty shootout.

Argentina now faces Belgium in a quarterfinals lineup that is a sweep of the eight group winners. They start Friday with France vs. Germany in the Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro.

Anticipation was soured a little Tuesday by fixing allegations from earlier matches at the World Cup.

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US players react after Belgium's Kevin De Bruyne, right, scored the opening goal during the World Cup round of 16 soccer match between Belgium and the USA at the Arena Fonte Nova in Salvador, Brazil, Tuesday, July 1, 2014.

Leina makes elite selection

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Former CNMI junior golfer Leina Kim was named to the Women's Golf Coaches Association of American NCAA Division II All-America Teams for the 2013-14 season.

According to the news posted in the Colorado State University-Pueblo's athletics website last Monday, Kim, an incoming junior of the ThunderWolves, made it to the second team selection and is the first CSU-Pueblo golfer to earn the honor. Kim is also the first player from the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference to enter the all-America teams.

Her selection to the prestigious group is Kim's second recognition from the association, as she was picked for the WCGA All-West Region during her rookie season with CSU-Pueblo for the 2012-2013 competitions. In that same season, she won both the RMAC Rookie and Golfer of the Year awards.

The six-time Tournament of Champions winner went on to take her second RMAC Golfer of the Year plum this season after ruling three tournaments, having Top 10 finishes in eight of CSU's nine competitions and six Top 5. She also qualified for the NCAA Division II Super Region 4 (West) Women's Golf Tournament held in Mansfield, Texas in May and led the first round of the competition. She was the lone player in RMAC to earn a slot (as an individual) to the NCAAA regionals. Add the five RMAC Golfer of the Week

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Leina Kim, right, poses with women's golf legend Rosie Jones during a recent tournament in Roswell, Georgia.